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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. FOURTH TUESDAY SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY EXCEPT DECEMBER. 7:30 PM MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, AUDITORIUM WEST SIDE.

JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 27, 1976
7:30 PM
MOUNTAIN PLOVERS
BY
WALTER GRAUL

DECEMBER 1975 FIELD TRIPS

- DECEMBER 6, Saturday. Lakes, Gravel Pits North of Denver, 56th to 80th between Lowell and Highway 93. Ralston Reservoir. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. (Fair. 30-50°. 7 hours) Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock. (24 Species)
- 7, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn and Ken Whipple, Leaders. (Cloudy. Windy. 35-40°. 4 hours) 20 Species)
- 6-7, Saturday and Sunday. Black Hollow Reservoir. Wellington Game Preserve. (Cloudy. 30-40°. Calm. Don and Eloise Sletten, Observers. (23 Species)
- CHRISTMAS COUNT SCOUTING TRIPS (Leaders Underlined)
- 13, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. (Pleasant AM. 35-40°. Cold wind. Smog followed by snow PM. 7 hours) Phyllis Caswell, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock. (25 Species)
- Plum Creek. (5 hours) John Edwards, Ray Olson. (20 Species)
- Upper South Platte. (3 hours) Jerome Besser, A. L. Ward. (15 Species)
- Middle South Platte, Chatfield, Highline Ditch. (7 hours) Henry and Vi Bossman, John and Joyce Cooper, David Hutchinson, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Doug and Judy Ward, Andy Wilber. (34 Species)
- Ken Caryl Ranch. (5½ hours) Ward Chadwick plus 4 observers (11 Species)
- 14, Sunday. North Turkey Creek. (12° Wind SE 5mph. Snowing 3 inches on the ground) 7 hours) Bob Buttery, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Dick and Jenner Kethel, Polly Field, Bev Engstrom, Betty Moynihan. (11 Species)
- Willow Springs/ Mt. Lindo. Reed Kelley, Boots Ferguson. (8 Species)
- Doubleheader Mountain. Bev Engstrom, Polly Field, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Betty Moynihan. (14 Species)
- 16, Tuesday. Willow Creek. (Clear. Cold. 5 hours) Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliott, (29 Species)
- 20, Saturday. Denver Christmas Bird Count. (Clear. 12-55°. Wind Variable 0-30. 276 party hours) David Hutchinson, Compiler. 104 observers in 34 parties and 20 at feeders. (109 Species)
- 21, Sunday. Boulder Christmas Bird Count. Richard Weppner, Compiler. (101 Species)
- 23, Tuesday. Weldona Fort Morgan Christmas Count. David Hutchinson, Compiler. (Partly Cloudy. 14-34°. 9 hours) Joseph Rigli (38 Species)
- 27, Saturday. Pueblo Christmas Bird Count. David Griffiths, Compiler. (Clear AM. Cloudy Very windy PM. 22-61°.) 16 observers. (71 Species)
- 31, Wednesday. Pike's Peak Christmas Bird Count. Lesley Julian, Compiler. (Snow. 40 party hours.) 14 Observers (43 Species)
- January 3, Saturday. Bonny Christmas Bird Count. Paul Julian, Compiler. (Clear. 1-20°. 47 party hours.) 10 observers (65 Species)

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DECEMBER	6	7	6-7	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	16	20	21	23	27	31	January	
AREA	LND	CCR	WGP	LBC	PC	MSP	USP	KCR	NTC	WSML	DM	WC	DCB	CB	CB	WFM	PCBC	PP	BCBC
HABITAT	PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN	PLN		FOO	MTN		MTN	PLN			PLN				PLNS
SPECIES																			
Common Loon						1							2						
Horned Grebe														7		1			
Western Grebe														1					
Pied-billed Grebe		2											7	5		3			
Great-blue Heron						21							35	18	1	1			4
Trumpeter Swan	1	Bowmar	12/1	WG															
Canada Goose	25	500	2000	1084	18	543						6	3511	4500	32	247			405
White-fronted Goose						1							1	1	Boulder	12/22	BK		
Snow Goose														2					
Blue Goose	1	Bowmar	12/2	WG															
17 Ross' Goose														1					
Mallard	14	25	500	51	18	100		2		3		4	1387	10109	9	3414			12000
Gadwall	3			54								2	56	10					
Pintail	8			17		10						5	125	154		160			1
Green-winged Teal	16		1	18		1							151	28		11			
Teal, Sp.													12						
American Widgeon	25	13		20		22						9	508	206		314			12
Shoveler	13												7	45					
Wood Duck													9						2
Redhead	2	2		14									8	41					
Ring-necked Duck													18	58					
Canvasback			6										5	2					
Lesser Scaup	2	3										1	9	2		1			
Common Goldeneye	18	7	2			2						2	100	82	15	14			17
Bufflehead	4												6	1	Chatfield	12/21	MS		
23 White-winged Scoter	1																		
Ruddy Duck												1	3						
Hooded Merganser													11	6	1	Chatfield	12/21	MS	
Common Merganser		3		15									114	102		11			3
Red-breasted Merganser													6						
Accipiter, Sp.																1			
Goshawk																			1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	SW	Denver	12/12,15,22	RG								3	2	1	6			1
Cooper's Hawk													2	1					
Red-tailed Hawk					1	3	2						8	13	1	10	1		3
Harlan's Hawk				2									2			1			1
Rough-legged Hawk		1			1	4							10	28	10	16	1		8
Ferruginous Hawk			1											5	1				2
Buteo, Sp.												2	3						
Golden Eagle						1						2	7	1	1				5
Bald Eagle			1										2	2	1				7
Marsh Hawk		1	6		2	2							9	4		12			3
Prairie Falcon			2		1	1							2	3	2	2	1		3
Pigeon Hawk													1						1
Sparrow Hawk	4	1	1									2	13	26	11	19			7
Blue Grouse							12	Boulder	12/18	BK			2						
Scaled Quail																91			
Ring-necked Pheasant		2		1		1				1			15	8		2			30
Virginia Rail													6	2	8	1			1
153 Sora														1					
American Coot	14			2								1	427	19		18			
Killdeer	5			1									59	46		5			1
Common Snipe	1							3					45	39	8	5			1
Greater Yellowlegs																1			
Gull, Sp.													51						
69 Glaucous Gull														1					
Herring Gull													44	12	4	3			
66 Thayer's Gull													1	1	Boulder	12/22	BK		
Ring-billed Gull	37	20		23								2	547	69		44			
Franklin's Gull							1	Clear Creek	12/14	HH									
Rock Dove		18	8	20				60	2				818	513	6	214	16		6
Mourning Dove													3			6			16
Barn Owl													1						
Screech Owl													1			1			6
Great Horned Owl			1			2						1	17	8	5	5			18
Pygmy Owl													3	3					
Long-eared Owl													3	3					3
Short-eared Owl													1						
151 Saw-whet Owl																			1
Owl, Sp.													1						
Belted Kingfisher						2							15	18	2	1	1		6
Common Flicker														1	10		7		62
Yellow-shafted Flicker														1		3			
Red-shafted Flicker	3	1	1	7	6	10	3		5			4	237	271	2	73			
Red-bellied Woodpecker																			1
Lewis' Woodpecker													1			5			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker																			

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DECEMBER	LND	CCR	WNP	LBC	PC	MSP	USP	KCR	NTC	WSML	DM	WC	DEN	BOU	WFM	PUE	PP	BONN
AREA	PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN	PLN		FOO	MTN		MTN	PLN			PLN			PLNS
HABITAT	PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN	PLN		FOO	MTN		MTN	PLN			PLN			PLNS
SPECIES																		
Hairy Woodpecker											1		35	55		1	8	1
Downy Woodpecker				1							1	1	53	46	3	1	4	26
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker													1	3				
Eastern Phoebe														1				
Horned Lark		2	100			18							192	21	176	623	23	6250
Gray Jay																	2	
Blue Jay													23	17	12	5		27
Blue X Steller's Jay														4				
Steller's Jay													395	388			132	
Scrub Jay							5	6	9	3	2	5	68				24	
Black-billed Magpie	13	18		56	20	15	4	20	1	10		31	1389	685	73	261	55	69
Common Raven					2	1			4				63	21		6	9	
Common Crow						2		35			2	1	294	700	21	23	43	8
Clark's Nutcracker													1	1	Boulder	12/22	4	
Black-capped Chickadee					5	22	6				4	3	273	129	8	17	15	221
Mountain Chickadee						1		12	10		10		421	387		1	105	
Common Bushtit														6				
White-breasted Nuthatch									1				54	49			12	12
Red-breasted Nuthatch													29	21			7	
Pygmy Nuthatch									9		10		293	211			80	
Brown Creeper					1	2							16	32			6	2
Dipper			2									1	34	22				
House Wren													1					
Winter Wren													1					
Bewick's Wren																	3	
Long-billed Marsh Wren													6		2	2		
Canon Wren								1					15	10			1	
Rock Wren														2				
Brown Thrasher													1					1
Sage Thrasher																1		
Robin							1				1		113	165	52	226	15	458
Eastern Bluebird																		7
Mountain Bluebird													2	3				
Townsend's Solitaire			2			5		2		4			125	103		1	10	5
Golden-crowned Kinglet													8	30				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						2							2					
Water Pipit					4								7	1				
Bohemian Waxwing														55				
Cedar Waxwing														75				3
Northern Shrike													18	4	1	4		3
Starling	60	2	15	25		2		40					41	1685	4619	657	1342	7
House Sparrow	4			14				30					127	1495	1058	267	576	33
Western Meadowlark			2	25	2		9							194	286	152	232	356
Red-winged Blackbird				40	1	6								442	1240	6980	6392	3686
Rusty Blackbird																25		1
Brewer's Blackbird													33	22		61		57
Cardinal																		1
Black-headed Grosbeak										1	Boulder	12/23	BK					
Evening Grosbeak										1			123	69			125	
Finch, Sp.													8					
Cassin's Finch										1			121	60			155	
House Finch			17		30	7						8	575	493		97	74	1
Pine Grosbeak														1			14	
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	6	Green Mountain	12.28,	14	12/31	ME							25				65	
Black Rosy Finch	11	Green Mountain	12/28,	33	12/31	ME							25					
Brown-capped Rosy Finch																	150	
Rosy Finch, Sp.	50						70	Green Mountain	12/18	ME								
Common Redpoll						20					12	91	8	CCRA	12/24	JB	108	
Pine Siskin							1			1		278	103	3	442	5	157	
American Goldfinch				2		15						78	30	152	77	2	279	
Lesser Goldfinch												4	2					
Red Crossbill														13				
Rufous-sided Towhee													15	10		1	9	
Brown Towhee																6		
Vesper Sparrow														3				
Dark-eyed Junco									8	25	30	30	84					
White-winged Junco											1		272	316	11	1	176	7
Slate-colored Junco				2	9	5	2		3			1	283	355	11	63	67	142
Oregon Junco				15	4	6	15					7	405	429	50	151	145	355
Pink-sided Junco											2		53		33			
Gray-headed Junco				2			2		4		12		319	312		3	213	
Junco, Sp.													210	222	25			
Tree Sparrow	9			8	75	86	9		8			2	1397	795	225	191	22	1094
Harris' Sparrow													12	6		12		36
White-crowned Sparrow					6								26	48	3	595		48
White-throated Sparrow													4	1		2		

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LNDCCR	WGP	LBC	PC	MSP	USP	KCR	NTC	WSML	DM	WC	DEN	BOU	WFM	PUE	PP	BONN	
PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN	PLN		MTN		NTN					PLN			PLNS

14 FOX Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lapland Longspur

Longspur, Sp.

142 Snow Bunting 142

TOTAL SPECIES

148

24

20

3

3

3

1

11

11

8

14

29

79

21

8

1

3

375

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Margaret Elliott, Robert Glover, Walter Graul, Harold Holt, Barry Knapp, Mildred Snyder.

DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 1975:

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 1975: On Saturday, December 20, 1975, one hundred and twenty-four observers (104 in 34 parties and 20 at feeders) spent 276 party hours (232 on foot, 44 by car) plus 62 at feeders. They traveled 601 total party miles (192 on foot and 409 by car). The count started at 12:01 AM when one party started searching for owls and ended at 5:00 PM. The weather was beautiful, clear all day long. The temperature ranged from 12-55⁰; wind was variable 0-30 mph; snow cover was 0-12 inches; fresh water was partly open; and the food crop ranged from poor to excellent with an average of good. Habitat coverage was as follows: cottonwood streambanks, 80.6 party hours; transition-scrub/juniper, 59.3 party hours; ponderosa-douglas fir forest, 45.7 party hours; residential, 35.3 party hours; lakes and marshes, 30.9 party hours; and prairie, 24.2 party hours. 109 (106 plus 4 additional races) species were reported. 20,693 individual birds were sighted. New species observed were: Thayers Gull, 1; Barn Owl, 1; House Wren, 1. Bonus species (species reported 5 or fewer times) observed were: Common Loon, 2; Virginia Rail 6, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 1, Mountain Bluebird 2, Lesser Goldfinch 4, Lapland Longspur 6. Species which had the largest number of individual birds were as follows: Common Loon 2, Great Blue Heron 35, Canada Goose 3511, Green-winged Teal 151, Hooded Merganser 11, Bald Eagle 2, American Coot 427, Killdeer 59, Common Snipe 45, Thayer's Gull 1, Pygmy Owl 3, Common (Red-shafted) Flicker 237, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 1, Blue Jay 23, Black-billed Magpie 1389, Dipper 34, Brown Thrasher 1, Mountain Bluebird 2, Northern Shrike 18, House Sparrow 1495, Black Rosy Finch 25, Common Redpoll 91, Song Sparrow 238, Lapland Longspur 6. The ten most numerous species were as follows: Canada Goose 3511, Starling 1685, House Sparrow 1495, Tree Sparrow 1397, Black-billed Magpie 1389, Mallard 1389, Rock Dove 818, House Finch 575, Ring-billed Gull 547, American Widgeon 508. This was a good year for owls. There were 6 species and 27 individuals reported. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE LEADERS AND THE OBSERVERS AND FEEDER WATCHERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT.

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AREA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11
LOCATION	RR	LBC	BOW	LSP	HD	PC	MSPE	MSPW	CR	USP	LDC	UDC
SPECIES												
Sparrow Hawk		4						1			2	
Blue Grouse												
Ridge-necked Pheasant			2			1	1		1	2	8	
Virginiai Rail						2	4					
American Coot		4	64	355					4			
Killdeer	1	20	2	8		6	8	11	3	3		
Common Snipe		12	5	14			4		1	6		
Gull, Sp.								1				
Herring Gull			20	14			6		4			
Thayer's Gull			1									
Ring-billed Gull			529	7					10			
Rock Dove	70	40	299	229		21	1	17	6			
Mourning Dove								2	1			
Barn Owl				1								
Screech Owl												
Great Horned Owl				1		2	1	8	4			
Pygmy Owl												
Long-eared Owl							1				2	
Short-eared Owl										1		
Owl, Sp.												
Belted Kingfisher		1	2	2			5	6	1	1		
Red-shafted Flicker	2	20	17	31	3	8	14	39	9	14	2	2
Hairy Woodpecker						1		1				
Downy Woodpecker			1			3	1	4	4	3	2	4
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker												
Horned Lark			1									
Blue Jay			8					175	14			
Steller's Jay	3									11	2	21
Scrub Jay	3									23	5	
Black-billed Magpie	13	501	97	219	33	37	38	159	13	14	18	8
Common Raven	3			2	2	4	1			6	1	
Common Crow						22		30		1	1	
Clark's Nutcracker												
Black-capped Chickadee	4	2	2	27	5	23	23	105	9	22	3	7
Mountain Chickadee	4		1							16		41
White-breasted NUTHatch	1							1				5
Red-breasted Nuthatch												1
Pygmy Nuthatch												
Brown Creeper	2			1				1				
Dipper		3	1				3	10	6			
House Wren				1								
Winter Wren							1					
Long-billed Marsh Wren				4			1		1			
Canon Wren	5									3		
Brown Thrasher												
Robin	8		5	11		2	4	1		7		
Mountain Bluebird					2							
Townsend's Solitaire	8		1					1		7	4	8
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2											3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1					
Northern Shrike	1	1			4	1	2	1	3	2	1	
Starling		200	343	293	9	110	1	157	10	16	8	
House Sparrow		67	190	369	111	15		3	2	4		
Western Meadowlark		19	5	75	33	30	4	1	1			
Red-winged Blackbird		74	15	121	4	35			4		4	
Brewer's Blackbird				32							1	
Evening Grosbeak				1				1				
Cassin's Finch										59		
House Finch	8	49	117	153	7	49	7	40		1	8	
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	25											
Black Rosy Finch	25											
Common Redpoll					6		9	15				
Pine Siskin	2		2	3	22							
American Goldfinch				3			1	5	17	42	5	
Lesser Goldfinch								4				
Rufous-sided Towhee	1						3				2	2
Dark-eyed Junco												
White-winged Hunco	4		1					11		1	1	
Slate-colored Junco	10	1	6		3	9	17	77	4	69	3	8
Oregon Junco	26	10	35	20	4	11		34	10	76	35	2
Pink-sided Junco							20	33				
Gray-headed Junco	7	1	2	1				9	1	67	3	2
Junco, Sp.	20							125				
Tree Sparrow	4	6	12	54	90	130	65	545	109	54	300	
Harris' Sparrow			1				2	5	2	1		
White-crowned Sparrow					3		2	11	7	1	1	
White-throated Sparrow								4				

AREA	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	F	T
LOCATION	YP	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KCR	GG	WS	WC	WSL		
SPECIES												
Steller's Jay	38	21	36	48	14	11	54	11		6	119	395
ScrubJay				4	3	10		7	2	8	3	68
Black-billed Magpie	6	3	5	17	10	26	1	22	77	44	24	1389
Common Raven		1	5			38						63
Common Crow	4	122		8					87		19	294
Clark's Nutcracker											1	1
Black-capped Chickadee	3	22		2	20	8	5	7	1	19	44	273
Mountain Chickadee	16	84	43	47	3		84			11	71	421
White-breasted Nuthatch		2		8			16			9	12	54
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1						12			5	10	29
Pygmy Nuthatch	37	46	51	77			2				90	293
Brown Creeper		1	1	1	4		3				1	16
Dipper					6			4	1	1	2	34
House Wren												1
Winter Wren												1
Long-billed Marsh Wren												6
Canon Wren	2					5						15
Brown Thrasher					1							1
Robin		32	10	2	12	1	5	1	4	9	1	113
Mountain Bluebird												2
Townsend's Solitaire	7		23	4	12	11		3	4	31	1	125
Golden-crowned Kinglet				111		1	3					89
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1		1			1			2
Water Pipit												7
Northern Shrike				1		1						18
Starling	1	20		13		36		4	222		242	1685
House Sparrow					28	29	1	48	210	4	414	1495
Western Meadowlark						1			35			194
Red-winged Blackbird						23			27		135	442
Brewer's Blackbird												33
Evening Grosbeak		80									39	121
Cassin's Finch	6	3	2		5		35			7	6	123
House Finch				32	14	9		26	22		145	575
Finch, Sp.										8		8
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch												25
Black Rosy Finch												25
Common Redpoll						60			1			91
Pine Siskin		6	12						102	3		278
American Goldfinch					1	4						78
(144) Lesser Goldfinch												4
Rufous Sided Towhee				2	2	3						15
Dark-eyed Junco	12	35							7	24	6	84
White-winged Junco	1		3	15	2		3			3	27	72
Slate-colored Junco	1		16		3	6	21	5	9		15	283
Oregon Junco				7	22	15		20	9		34	405
Pink-sided Junco												53
Gray-headed Junco	12	2	45	44	12	1	2	8	7	20	73	319
Junco, Sp.				6		5	8		46			210
Tree Sparrow				12							16	1397
Harris' Sparrow											1	12
White-crowned Sparrow		1										26
White-throated Sparrow												4
Lincoln's Sparrow												1
Swamp Sparrow												1
Song Sparrow				2	4	3		3	1			238
Lapland Longspur												6
Longspur, Sp.												12
TOTAL SPECIES	109	17	21	14	26	23	32	19	20	34	22	34
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	20,693	152	502	257	395	192	415	266	206	323	260	1988

PARTICIPANTS: (LEADERS UNDERLINED)

- AREA 1; RED ROCKS : Dolores Gable, Christine Gable, Robert Glover, Kris London, Julie Price, Donald Thatcher
- 2: LOWER BEAR CREEK: Marion and Jo Borden, Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Phyllis Caswell, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock.
- 3: BOWMAR: Harold and LaVona Holt, Dorothy and Jack Reddall
- 4: LOWER SOUTH PLATTE: Bob Andrews, John and Joyce Cooper, Mary Cornelius, Tom Gatz, Hazel Kellogg, Floyd Pendell, Don and Eloise Sletten, Ruth Wheeler.
- 5: HIGHLINE DITCH: Tom Hollenbeck, Doug, John and Judy Ward, Lois Webster.
- 6: PLUM CREEK: Ray Olson, Bob Spencer
- 7A: MIDDLE SOUTH PLATTE EAST: Hugh and Urling Kingery, Sue Kramer, Bernard Raymond.
- 7B: MIDDLE SOUTH PLATTE WEST: David and Karen Hutchinson, Henry and Vi Bossman.

- 8: CHATFIELD RESERVOIR: Paul and Lesley Julian, Barry Knapp, Andy Wilbur.
- 9: UPPER SOUTH PLATTE: Jerome Besser, John DeGrazio, Deborah Eaton, Michael Fall, Joseph Guarino, Sandra Hamilton, Edward Knittle, CallRoyall, Jack Welch.
- 10: LOWER DEER CREEK: Robert Reed, Barbara and Lynn Willcockson.
- 11: UPPER DEER CREEK: Warren Finch, Sue Merrick, Barbara and Kent Olson, Mike Skiff, Cheryl Zacagnini.
- 12: YEGGE PEAK: Gene Hendrichs, Marie Kolena, Nancy Hurley, Dave McCargo
- 13: DOUBLEHEAD MOUNTAIN: Jean and James Tate, Jr.
- 14: NORTH TURKEY CREEK: Robert Buttery, John Leonard
- 15: INDIAN HILLS: Lois Quick, Edna Clare Thomas
- 16: UPPER BEAR CREEK: Sylvia and Bill Brockmer
- 17: KEN CARYL RANCH: Sophia Bogart, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Fred Hager, Vi Hubka, Chuck and Phyllis Kangas, Edith Trimmer.
- 18: GARRISON GATE: Michael and Peter Moulton, Judd Sundine
- 19: WILLOW SPRINGS: Carol and Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Mildred Snyder,
- 20: WILLOW CREEK: John Ball, Mary Jane Black, Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliott, James Olson, Leona Rowe, Paula Ryer, Eleanor.
- 21: WILLOW/LINDO: C. R. Cristiano, Arthur Ferguson, Felicity Hannay, Reed Kelley, Terry Stuart.
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TRUMPETER SWAN OBSERVATION REPORTED IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY ISSUE OF COLORADO OUTDOORS
Dr. Walter Graul of the Colorado Division of Wildlife observed an immature Trumpeter Swan in the Bowmar area December 1, 1975. "There were two mute swans accompanied by an immature wild swan which had a predominantly black bill with a slight reddish-pink saddle on the dorsal surface." Confirmation of the observation was accomplished by an identification band and neck collar worn by the bird. It had been banded in the Grand Prairie area about 280 miles north of Edmonton, Alberta. This is the second Colorado Record for the Trumpeter Swan.

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FEBRUARY 1975 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

- FEBRUARY 1, Sunday. Evergreen Area. Bill Brockner, Leader. Carpool at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, S. Logan and US 285 or 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. Meet Leader at the Public Service parking lot at 8:00 AM. #
- 7, Saturday. Waterton. Chatfield. Bob Buttery, Leader. Carpool at the Dry Creek Shopping Center or 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. Meet the leader at the Waterton bridge at 8:00 AM. #
- 8, Sunday. Red Rocks. Genessee. Don Thatcher, Leader. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM
- 14, Saturday. Lakes North of Denver. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. #
- 15, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. Carpool at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM. Meet leader at the West Gate at 8:30 AM. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.
- 21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. #
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- 29, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. #

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Denver, Colorado

February 1976

Jack Reddall, Editor

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FEBRUARY MEETING - FEBRUARY 24, 1976 7:30 P.M.

JANUARY 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- JANUARY 3, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir, Highline Canal, Waterton. Bob Spencer, Leader. (Clear, hazy; Calm; 0-30). 7½ hours. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Joe Roller, Ruth Wheeler. (29 species)
- 10, Saturday. Sloan's Lake to 144th and Zuni (lakes north of Denver). Ruth Wheeler, Leader. (Partly cloudy to fair; 30-40). 8 hours. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Spencer. (30 species)
- 11, Sunday. Sloan's Lake to Maple Grove, Red Rocks Park, Morrison area. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. (Partly cloudy). 4½ hours. Observers: John Ball, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, John and Joyce Cooper, Barbara Juborias. (36 species)
- 17, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek from Sloan's Lake via 26th and Youngfield. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Clear; 45-63). 7½ hours. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Mary Jane Schock, Jo Trainor, Ruth Wheeler. (29 species)
- 18, Sunday. Prospect Reservoir, Wiggins, Muir Springs Park and Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Overcast; wind, SW, 8-12 MPH; 38). 10½ hours. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Dorothy Reddall. (49 species)
- 24, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Snowing). 4 hours. Observers: Charles Blakeslee, Pete Feinsinger, Tom Gatz, Chuck Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Don and Naomi Kelly, Lou Selkirk, Helen Stiles, Ruth Wheeler. (12 species)
- 25, Sunday. Boulder area. NO REPORT RECEIVED
- 30, Friday. Pueblo (including Burnt Mill Road) to Ordway and Rocky Ford. Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Observers. (Mostly clear; wind, calm becoming NE in excess of 50 MPH; 36-60). 12 hours. (54 species)
- 31, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon and Elizabeth. Vi and Henry Bossman, Leaders. (Clear). 8½ hours. Observers: Merle Barbour, Patty Echelmeyer, Chuck Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Diana Mullineaux, Jack Reddall, Ruth Wheeler. (41 species)

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JANUARY AREA HABITAT	3 W/C PLNS	10 NDEN PLNS	11 RR/GM FOOT	17 LBC PLNS	18 MS/JR PLNS	24 PNG PLNS	30 P/RF PLNS	31 CCR/CW PLNS
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1	1	1			
Great Blue Heron							1	
Canada Goose	314	176	260	246	779		2080	478
White-fronted Goose				1				
Mallard	5	33	150	208	17500		157	57
Gadwall				4	100			
Pintail		18		7	350			
Green-winged Teal		34		13	1		1	
American Widgeon		4	8	12	45		2	
Shoveler		1	400		12			
Redhead							1	
Ring-necked Duck				1	7			
Lesser Scaup			4	8				
Common Goldeneye		49	5	1			1	8
Common Merganser		3	4		1100		12	126
Goshawk	1				1			
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1			
Red-tailed Hawk					3		6	
Rough-legged Hawk	1				30	3	5	2
Ferruginous Hawk				2	2	1		
Golden Eagle					1	2	1	
Bald Eagle					2		1	
Marsh Hawk	1				3		2	1
Osprey#	1							
Prairie Falcon					6			
Pigeon Hawk					1			
Sparrow Hawk	1	3		1	3	1	11	6
Bobwhite							10	
Ring-necked Pheasant		2			9			4
Virginia Rail					4			
American Coot		2	18	5				
Killdeer	6	1					1	
Common Snipe	5			2	6		1	5
Herring Gull		6	2				7	10
Ring-billed Gull		31	95	20			1	15
Rock Dove	15	10		28	15		87	11
Mourning Dove							39	
Great Horned Owl		1	1			1		
Short-eared Owl								3
Belted Kingfisher	1			2	2			
Red-shafted Flicker	6	9	4	5	12	1	11	8
Lewis' Woodpecker							2	
Downy Woodpecker			1		3		2	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker							1	
Horned Lark	69				116	2000	2	39
Blue Jay					2		3	
Steller's Jay			1					6
Scrub Jay			7				2	5
Black-billed Magpie	12	91	18	29	49	2	91	17
Common Raven	1		2					
White-necked Raven							5	
Common Crow	1		154		3		22	4
Pinyon Jay							100	
Clark's Nutcracker			1					
Black-capped Chickadee	12		4	1	8		5	2
Mountain Chickadee								4
White-breasted Nuthatch	2							2
Red-breasted Nuthatch								1
Pygmy Nuthatch								1
Brown Creeper	1							2
Dipper	4		3	1				1
Long-billed Marsh Wren					3		1	
Canon Wren			2					
Brown Thrasher		1						
Curve-billed Thrasher							1	
Robin			3	2	41		36	
Western Bluebird							2	
Mountain Bluebird							39	
Townsend's Solitaire			3				11	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet								1

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1					
Northern Shrike		1	1		1		1	1
Starling	9	183	80	54	578		301	309
House Sparrow		10	25	19	554		69	8
Western Meadowlark		27			161		78	21
Red-winged Blackbird				3	200,000+		7293	10
Cassin's Finch			6					
House Finch	20	2	6	16	1		55	2
Common Redpoll	25	3			91	60		6
Pine Siskin							120	
American Goldfinch	2				2		40	6
Red Crossbill								3
Brown Towhee							6	
White-winged Junco			2		4			2
Slate-colored Junco	1	10	6		1		4	
Oregon Junco	3	3	6		28		69	12
Gray-headed Junco			8				5	
Tree Sparrow	105	36		2	98	50	31	102
White-crowned Sparrow					7		41	
Song Sparrow	14	1	3	18	18		5	3
Lapland Longspur	1					3		
TOTAL SPECIES-91	29	30	36	29	49	12	53	41

Subject to review by the CFO Official Records Committee

ADDITIONAL REPORTS OF RARE OR UNUSUAL SPECIES

Black-crowned Night Heron 1-5-1976 (2 immatures), along the South Platte River between Evans and Dartmouth, Denver (Ray Olson, Mildred Snyder).
 Saw-whet Owl 1-17-1976 (1 adult), Castlewood Canyon State Recreation Area (Jack and Dorothy Reddall).
 Rusty Blackbird 1-11-1976 (6), Weldona, Morgan County (Jack and Dorothy Reddall)

REPORT FROM CFO OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

All reports of rare and unusual species recorded during the past twelve months which were published in the LARK BUNTING have been reviewed by the CFO Official Records Committee. All records were accepted with the following exceptions:

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

American Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*). One (#18-75-18) on October 5, 1974, Hidden Lake, Westminster, Adams County (Vol. 10, No. 2 - reported as Red Knot, "NEW LATE RECORD").
 Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*). One (#21-75-142) on September 13, 1975, Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County (Vol. 11, No. 1).
 Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodramus griseus*). One (#19-75-105) on May 13, 1975, Barr Lake, Adams County (Vol. 10, No. 9).
 Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*). One (#23-75-78) on May 10, 1975, C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo, Pueblo County (Vol. 10, No. 9).
 Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*). One (#42-75-113) on July 6, 1975, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (Vol. 10, No. 11).
 Gray Vireo (*Vireo vicinior*). One (#51-75-112) on July 6, 1975, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (Vol. 10, No. 11).
 Pine Warbler (*Dendroica pinus*). One (#52-75-1) on November 6, 1974, Boulder, Boulder County (Vol. 10, No. 3 - reported as "NEW LATE RECORD").

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40 Nuthatches
Roughleg
1 Marsh Wren
1 Prairie Falcon

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MARCH MEETING - MARCH 23, 1976 - 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM - BIRD SLIDES BY HAROLD HOLT

FEBRUARY 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- FEBRUARY 1, Sunday. Evergreen to Squaw Mountain and West Evergreen. Leader: Winston Wm. Brockner. Observers: Chris A. Blakeslee, Sylvia Brockner, Mel Gabel, Tom Gatz, Charles Kangas, Mary Pugh, Bob Pugh, Ray Olson, Mary Lou Selkirk, Nancy Zavitz. (19 species)
- 7, Saturday. Waterton area and Chatfield Reservoir. (Clear; Wind, SW, 5 MPH; 32-58). Leader: Bob Buttery. Observers: Bob Andrews, Merle Barbour, Henry and Vi Bossman, Hazel Kellogg, Wayne Shuttleworth, Paul Shuttleworth, Tim Shuttleworth, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp, Nancy Zavitz. (36 species)
- 8, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Genessee Park. (Clear; 45-55). Leader: Ray Olson. Observers: Nancy and Terry Henke, Beverly Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. George Nielson, Sam Shone. (19 species)
- 14, Saturday. Gravel Pit Lakes (North Denver), Clear Creek north to 96th; Tennyson to Indiana. (Fair, 40-60). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. George Nielson, Dee Hudson, Margaret Sikes, Charles Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Spencer, Mary Jane Schock. (26 species)
- 15, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. (Clear becoming Cloudy; Windy). Leaders: Kathryn and Kenneth Whipple. Observers: Ward Chadwick, John Forgach, Mrs. Forgach, Sam Shone, Nancy Zavitz. (23 species)
- 21, Saturday. Sloan's Lake to 26th and Youngfield, Crown Hill Cemetery, Lower Bear Creek, Morrison and Willow Springs Ranch. (Clear; Snow and ice on ground; 13-35). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler, Nancy Zavitz. (27 species)
- 22, Sunday. Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 22, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Daniel's Park, Louviers, Chatfield Reservoir, Morrison, Red Rocks Park, Sloan's Lake, Arsenal and Mile High Duck Club. (Clear; 3" of snow on ground; Wind, 4-7 MPH; 41-58). Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Observers. (53 species)
- 28, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir and Plum Creek. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 29, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 29, Sunday. Boulder, Longmont, Platteville, Prospect Reservoir, Barr Lake and Cherry Creek Reservoir. (Cloudy to Partly Cloudy; Hazy; Wind, E, 8-12 MPH; 27-45). Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Observers. (61 species)

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LIST OF ACCEPTABLE "FORMS" AND SUBSPECIES

Snow Goose

"White" form

"Blue" form

Red-tailed Hawk

"Western" race

"Harlan's" race

"Kridler's" race

Common Flicker

"Yellow-shafted" race

"Red-shafted" race

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

"Yellow-bellied" race

"Red-naped" race

Hairy Woodpecker

"Rocky Mountain" race

eastern races

Downy Woodpecker

"Batchelder's" race

eastern races

Solitary Vireo

"Blue-headed" race

"Plumbeous" race

Yellow-rumped Warbler

"Myrtle" race

"Audubon's" race

Northern Oriole

"Baltimore" race

"Bullock's" race

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch

"Hepburn's" race

"Gray-crowned" race

Rufous-sided Towhee

"Spotted" races

eastern races

Northern Junco

"White-winged" race

"Slate-colored" race

"Oregon" race

ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM THE CFO OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

American Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*). Apparently some confusion arose regarding the Unaccepted Record (#18-75-18) reported in last month's Lark Bunting. The Records Committee turned down the report of a Red Knot (Lark Bunting, Vol. 10, No. 2) as unacceptable. When the observer involved was questioned about his sighting of a Red Knot, he turned in a report for an American Golden Plover instead which was also turned down. The report of an American Golden Plover on October 5 and 6, 1975 at Hidden Lake in the same issue of the Lark Bunting was not investigated by the Committee.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*). One (#10-75-114) on July 4, 1975, Green Mountain, Lakewood, Jefferson County (Lark Bunting, Vol. 10, No. 11) has been ruled as unacceptable.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

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APRIL 1976 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 3, Saturday. Pueblo area. Dave Griffiths, Leader. Meet at Pueblo Ramada Inn at 8:00 A.M.*

4, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day - optional).

10, Saturday. Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at Voyager Inn (I-70 and Chambers Road) at 6:00 A.M.*

11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Genessee Mountain. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day).

17, Saturday. SHARP-TAILED GROUSE TRIP! Meet at Skelly station or near by restaurant at Castle Rock (Exit 80 off of I-25) one hour before sunrise. For additional information call Bernie Goetze at 688-4148 in Castle Rock*

18, Easter.

24, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M.*

25, Sunday. Chatfield and Waterton areas. Hugh and Urling Kingery, Leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 6:00 A.M. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME*

* Bring lunch.

FEBRUARY

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Mountain Bluebird								8
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1	6			1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3						
Loggerhead Shrike								1
European Starling		12	3	61	2	98	52	704
House Sparrow		1		7		19	167	329
Western Meadowlark				15	3		39	58
Red-winged Blackbird				5	15		664	5578
Brewer's Blackbird							1	1
Evening Grosbeak	5							17
Purple Finch#								1 f.
Cassin's Finch	4	6						
House Finch		7	3		8	14	63	33
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	40							
Common Redpoll			50	7	14			37
Pine Siskin		6						
American Goldfinch								27
Rufous-sided Towhee		2	3					
Northern Junco								
"White-winged" race	8							
"Slate-colored" race	1	51(?)	2				1	7
"Oregon" race	4	5	3	3		2	22	73
Gray-headed Junco	2	14	4					23
American Tree Sparrow		1		25	12		23	8
Harris' Sparrow								1
Song Sparrow		1	1		4	3	4	3
TOTAL SPECIES-84	19	36	19	26	23	27	53	61

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Horned Grebe 2-22-1976 (4), Bowles Lake, BowMar (Patty Echelmeyer); 2-28-1976 (4), Sloan's Lake, Denver (Bob Andrews, Bill Lybarger).

Eared Grebe 2-26-1976 (3), Barr Lake (Bob Andrews)

Black-crowned Night Heron 2-9 and 2-10-1976 (2 immatures), Denver Federal Center (Tom Gatz).

Greater Scaup 2-28-1976 (1 male), 120th and Washington, Northglenn (Bob Andrews, Bill Lybarger).

Barrow's Goldeneye From 2-19 thru 2-23-1976 (1 male), Sloan's Lake, Denver (many observers).

Oldsquaw 2-26-1976 (1 female), Barr Lake (Bob Andrews).

Sharp-shinned Hawk 2-29-1976 (1), Denver (Bob Glover).

Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's" race) 2-11-1976 (1), Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Bob Andrews); 2-29-1976 (2), Barr Lake (Harold Holt).

Bald Eagle 2-8-1976 (33), Prewitt Reservoir (Jack Reddall).

Glaucous Gull 2-8-1976 (1 adult), Prewitt Reservoir (Jack Reddall)

Snowy Owl From 2-7 thru 2-13-1976 (1) between Idalia and Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (Dan Pinkham).

Pygmy Owl 2-7-1976 (1) along Sugar Creek, Douglas County (Jack Reddall); 2-16-1976 (1), Castlewood Canyon (Bob Andrews, Bill Lybarger).

Long-eared Owl 2-14-1976 (1), Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (Bob Andrews, Bill Lybarger, Barry Knapp, Jack Reddall).

Saw-whet Owl 2-5-1976 (1), Lakewood near the Bear Creek Shopping Center (Bob Andrews).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2-26-1976 (1), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).

Yellow-headed Blackbird 2-28-1976 (3), Barr Lake (Mildred Snyder).

Rusty Blackbird 2-15-1976 (2), Cherry Creek Reservoir (Jack Reddall).

Common Grackle 2-8-1976 (1), Prewitt Reservoir (Jack Reddall).

Black Rosy Finch 2-3 (40), 2-4 (24) and 2-20-1976 (30), Green Mountain (Margaret Elliott).

Green-tailed Towhee 2-26-1976 (1), Mile High Duck Club (Bob Andrews); seen again on 2-28-1976 (Bill Lybarger).

Lapland Longspur 2-11-1976 (12), Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Bob Andrews).

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FEBRUARY AREA	1 EVER	7 W/C	8 RR/G	14 NDEN	15 CCR	21 LBC	22 DEN AREA PLNS	29 BLD/LON BARR PLN/FOOT
HABITAT	MTNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLN/FOOT
Horned Grebe							1	29
Pied-billed Grebe						2		
Great Blue Heron		3						
Canada Goose		200		168	150	254	547	271
Mallard		50		28	12	110	775	8254
Gadwall						5	120	16
Common Pintail				4		11	150	6517
Green-winged Teal				6		30	12	31
Cinnamon Teal		2						6
American Wigeon				2	4	18	160	40
Northern Shoveler				100		200	500	375
Redhead				116	200	190	600	1522
Ring-necked Duck				21			2	1
Canvasback					5		10	1
Lesser Scaup					1	28	4	22
Common Goldeneye		50		15	12	9	57	43
Barrow's Goldeneye						1	1	
Bufflehead							2	2
Ruddy Duck								7
Common Merganser		50		50			550	152
Red-breasted Merganser								3
Northern Goshawk								1 ad.
Red-tailed Hawk							4	1
Rough-legged Hawk		1			2		7	6
Ferruginous Hawk							2	1
Golden Eagle								3 ad.
Northern Harrier					1		4	3
Prairie Falcon							2	
Merlin								1
American Kestrel		1		1	1	1	5	6
Ring-necked Pheasant					1		1	5
American Coot						4	3	3
Killdeer				2				1
Herring Gull				6			51	1
Thayer's Gull#							1 imm.	
Ring-billed Gull				52	50	57	395	59
Rock Dove			20	11		32	134	61
Short-eared Owl							1	1
Belted Kingfisher		2		1				
Common Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race		6	4		1	5	2	7
Lewis Woodpecker							2	
Hairy Woodpecker	2	1	1					
"Rocky Mountain" race								1
Downy Woodpecker					3			
eastern races								2
Horned Lark		2		5	20		64	112
Gray Jay	4							
Blue Jay							1	
Steller's Jay	4	1					11	27
Scrub Jay		7	5			1	9	
Black-billed Magpie	20	4	4	44	10	36	29	83
Northern Raven	1						21	
American Crow		2				1	115	2
Clark's Nutcracker	2							
Black-capped Chickadee		12	3	1		1	6	5
Mountain Chickadee	9	2	5				4	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	1				1	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3							
Pygmy Nuthatch	10						1	
North American Dipper		1						1
Winter Wren		1						
Canyon Wren		2	3					
American Robin	4	2	5				11	



THE LARK BUNTING
MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS
OF THE
DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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APRIL 1976
Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

APRIL MEETING - April 27, 1976 - 7:30 P.M.

MARCH 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- MARCH 6, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Chatfield Reservoir, Waterton. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Merle Barbour, Hazel Kellogg, Jim Schmidt. (Clear; windy becoming calm). 6½ hours. (34 species)
- 7, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Michael Dineen, Libby Goodwin, Ray Olson, Dianne and Judd Redfield, Jeff and Pam Stevens. (Clear; Calm; 30-45). 7 hours. (45 species)
- 13, Saturday. North Denver area (gravel pits and lakes north of Clear Creek to Prince's Lake). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg. (Cloudy - clearing; Calm early, gusty winds later). 7 hours. (27 species)
- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park/Morrison. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Eric Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Singer, Vito Tursi. (Fair, cool). 2½ hours. (21 species)
- 20, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Crown Hill Cemetery, 26th and Youngfield, Lower Bear Creek to Morrison. Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Bob Spencer. (Clear; Wind, very strong. 17-32). 7½ hours. (35 species)
- 21, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake and Mile High Duck Club. Leader: Sue Merrick. Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Janie Griffin, Larry Griffin, Harold Holt, Marv Hoover, Marcia Jones, Sister Veronica Marie, Kay Merrick, Mary Robinson, Sam Shone, Helen Singer, Tom Singer, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Cold; Wind, NW, 25 MPH). 5½ hours. (48 species)
- 27, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Lori Chappell, Hazel Kellogg, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Dorothy and Leon Miller. (30 species).
- 28, Sunday. Louviers and Jackson Creek. Leaders: Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Virginia Faxon, Nancy Luker. (Cloudy; 34). 4½ hours. (32 species)

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored field trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND NON-RECEIPT OF THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Mrs. Kathryn Whipple - 232 Titan Street, Aurora, Colorado 80010. Telephone: 343-9793.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

John Malo - 9633 Surrey Road, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Larson - 1925 South Vaughn Way #209, Denver, Colorado 80232

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MARCH	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28
AREA	C/W	BLDR	N/DEN	RR/M	LBC	BARR	PNG	JC/L
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLN/FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLN/FOOT
Horned Grebe		15			35			
Pied-billed Grebe							1	
Great Blue Heron						7		
Canada Goose	700	2500	45		357	18	4	
Mallard	31	50	18	2	116	5000	2	5
Gadwall		10	9		40	32		10
Common Pintail	7	800	13		38	3000	36	
Green-winged Teal	2	10	7		84	246	4	7
Cinnamon Teal			1		1	4		
American Wigeon	2	8	4		81	70	2	
Northern Shoveler		20			14	100		
Redhead	505	4000	800		736	800	21	18
Ring-necked Duck	2	6	90			2		
Canvasback		40	3			250	2	
Lesser Scaup	3	12	18		113	28		3
Common Goldeneye	1	8	48		5	1		
Barrow's Goldeneye					1			
Bufflehead		4	3		8	2		
White-winged Scoter						1		
Ruddy Duck						3	5	
Hooded Merganser			2					
Common Merganser	13	16			15	40	30	
Red-breasted Merganser		10						
Buteo (sp-?)	1	1						
Red-tailed Hawk	1					3	4	2
"Harlan's" race						1		
Rough-legged Hawk	3	1	1			5	2	
Golden Eagle					1	1		
Northern Harrier						8	1	
Prairie Falcon	1			1				
American Kestrel	1	2	3		2		8	2
Ring-necked Pheasant						3		
American Coot		15			20	58	1	
Killdeer	1	2			7		1	3
Greater Yellowlegs							1	
Long-billed Dowitcher						1		
Baird's Sandpiper							1	
Herring Gull		10	1			3		
Ring-billed Gull		20	75		18	3	6	7
Rock Dove	20	6	6	50	15	8		16
Mourning Dove							1	
Great Horned Owl				1		5		
Belted Kingfisher					1			1
Common Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race	4	14	1	4	2	8	2	7
Lewis' Woodpecker								4
Hairy Woodpecker								1
Downy Woodpecker	3	3			1	1	1	2
Horned Lark	64					50	1000	
Blue Jay								2
Steller's Jay		8		1	1			
Scrub Jay	1	1		5				3
Black-billed Magpie	12	35	22	5	39	67	7	25
Northern Raven				2				15
American Crow	3	3						21
Black-capped Chickadee	8	3		2	4	5		2
Mountain Chickadee		4						
White-breasted Nuthatch		1						
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2						
Brown Creeper	1					3		
North American Dipper				1	1			
Canyon Wren				4				
American Robin		5	3	3	5	2	6	11
Mountain Bluebird	1						3	1
Townsend's Solitaire				2				

MARCH	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28
Northern Shrike	2	1						
European Starling	36	150	100	2	117	150	8	75
House Sparrow	10	25	8		41	86	10	20
Western Meadowlark	1	4	7			46	100	11
Red-winged Blackbird	1	15	52		245	1000	20	15
Brewer's Blackbird		1						
Cassin's Finch				6				
House Finch		6		1	8	16		25
Pine Siskin		4				7		
American Goldfinch						30		
Rufous-sided Towhee				3				2
Northern Junco			12	2				
"Slate-colored" race	1				8	1		1
"Oregon" race		1		1	1			7
Gray-headed Junco						2		
American Tree Sparrow	38	20				1		
White-crowned Sparrow	3							
Song Sparrow	6	2		2		1		2
TOTAL SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES	34	45	27	21	35	48	30	32
(82)								

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Whistling Swan 3-28-1976 (3), Teller Lake, Boulder County (Robert Andrews, Patty Echelmeyer).
 Snow Goose 3-27-1976 (1), Barr Lake (Robert Andrews).
 Blue-winged Teal 3-27-1976 (2), McKay Lake at 144th and Zuni (Harold Holt); 3-31-1976 (10),
 Mile High Duck Club (Robert Andrews).
 Hooded Merganser 3-17-1976 (1 male), Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Randy Fairbanks).
 Turkey Vulture 3-17-1976 (1), Eldorado Springs (Jim Tate).
 Northern Goshawk 3-13-1976 (1 adult), Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder (Tom Gatz).
 Cooper's Hawk 3-2-1976 (1), southeast Denver (Robert Andrews).
 Bald Eagle 3-18 and 3-31-1976 (1 adult), Barr Lake (Robert Andrews).
 Peregrine Falcon 3-18-1976 (1), Barr Lake (Robert Andrews).
 American Avocet 3-27-1976 (8), Westlake (Harold Holt); 3-27-1976 (5), Kersey (Nancy Hurley);
 3-31-1976 (2), Mile High Duck Club (Robert Andrews).
 Greater Yellowlegs 3-27-1976 (3), Kersey (Nancy Hurley); 3-27-1976 (4), McKay Lake (Harold
 Holt); 3-31-1976 (2), Mile High Duck Club (Robert Andrews).
 Red Knot 3-27-1976 (1), Kersey (Nancy Hurley).
 Baird's Sandpiper 3-27-1976 (5), McKay Lake (Harold Holt); 3-28-1976 (12), Prince Lake, Boulder
 County (Robert Andrews).
 California Gull 3-27-1976 (1), Barr Lake (Robert Andrews).
 Bonaparte's Gull 3-25-1976 (1), Sloan's Lake (John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer).
 Long-eared Owl 3-27-1976 (nest with 4 eggs), Adams-Weld County Road near Quebec (Harold Holt);
 very early nesting record.
 Violet-green Swallow 3-21-1976 (1), Chatfield Reservoir (Hugh Kingery).
 Tree Swallow 3-21-1976 (2), Chatfield Reservoir (Hugh Kingery).
 Long-billed Marsh Wren 3-28-1976 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (Jo Trainor).
 Eastern Bluebird 3-29-1976 (6), Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Randy Fairbanks).
 Western Bluebird 3-26-1976 (3), Waterton (Robert Andrews).
 Water Pipit 3-31-1976 (9), Mile High Duck Club (Robert Andrews).
 Cedar Waxwing 3-29-1976 (23), Wheatridge (Leona Rowe).
 Common Grackle 3-23-1976 (1), 74th and Krameria (Harold Holt).
 Brown-headed Cowbird 3-27-1976 (8), Mile High Duck Club (Robert Andrews).
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 3-4-1976 (8), 3-5-1976 (1) and 3-9-1976 (1), Green Mountain (Margaret
 Elliott).
 Black Rosy Finch 3-4-1976 (60+), 3-5-1976 (10), 3-9-1976 (37) and 3-14-1976 (1), Green Mount-
 ain (Margaret Elliott).
 Brown-capped Rosy Finch 3-4-1976 (2), Green Mountain (Margaret Elliott).
 Common Redpoll 3-18-1976 (18), Barr Lake (Robert Andrews).
 Lark Bunting 3-13-1976 (1 in winter plumage), Union Reservoir (Tom Gatz).
 Lincoln's Sparrow 3-27-1976 (1), Barr Lake (Robert Andrews).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING RARE AND UNUSUAL SPECIES

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1. SPECIES (the name of the species and the number of individuals involved).
2. LOCALITY (the exact location of the observation; e.g., "2 miles north of Fort Morgan, Morgan County", not "near Fort Morgan").
3. DATE (include the time of day and the duration of the bird's stay as well as the date or dates).
4. OBSERVERS (include the names and addresses of others seeing the bird).
5. OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (include the type of optical equipment as well as the power).
6. HABITAT (describe the habitat in which the bird was observed).
7. DESCRIPTION (include a detailed description of the bird's appearance with emphasis on the color and pattern of plumage, size and shape, behavior, voice and other pertinent diagnostic data).
8. CONCLUSIONS (reasons for identification; how were similarly appearing species eliminated?).
9. EXPERIENCE (familiarity with the reported species and those which are similar).
10. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (attach drawing, photographs, tape recording, etc., if possible).

Requests for Sight Record Report forms and all completed forms and reports should be forwarded to Mr. Jack Reddall, Chairman - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110.

The Official Records Committee requests that detailed documentation be submitted for the following rare and unusual species which have been recorded twenty times or less within Colorado.

Red-throated Loon	White-winged Dove
Red-necked Grebe	Barred Owl
Brown Pelican	Spotted Owl
Olivaceous Cormorant	Boreal Owl
Anhinga	Whip-poor-will
Little Blue Heron	Lesser Nighthawk
Reddish Egret	Anna's Hummingbird
Louisiana Heron	Magnificent Hummingbird (Rivoli's Hummingbird)
Wood Stork	Blue-throated Hummingbird
Glossy Ibis	Olivaceous Flycatcher
Roseate Spoonbill	Black Phoebe
Trumpeter Swan	Eastern Pewee (Eastern Wood Pewee)
Brant	Purple Martin (eastern slope only)
Black Brant	Sedge Wren (Short-billed Marsh Wren)
Eurasian Wigeon (European Wigeon)	Long-billed Thrasher
Harlequin Duck	Bendire's Thrasher
Common Eider	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Black Scoter	Sprague's Pipit
Swallow-tailed Kite	Phainopepla
Red-shouldered Hawk	White-eyed Vireo
Gyr Falcon	Yellow-throated Vireo
Ruffed Grouse	Philadelphia Vireo
Whooping Crane	Prothonotary Warbler
Yellow Rail	Swainson's Warbler
Common Gallinule	Blue-winged Warbler
Hudsonian Godwit	Lucy's Warbler
Eskimo Curlew	Cape May Warbler
Red Phalarope	Hermit Warbler
American Woodcock	Cerulean Warbler
Short-billed Dowitcher	Yellow-throated Warbler
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Pine Warbler
Pomarine Jaeger	Prairie Warbler
Parasitic Jaeger	Louisiana Waterthrush
Long-tailed Jaeger	Kentucky Warbler
Iceland Gull	Connecticut Warbler
Thayer's Gull	Canada Warbler
Laughing Gull	Painted Redstart
Little Gull	Eastern Meadowlark
Ivory Gull	Great-tailed Grackle
Black-legged Kittiwake	Hepatic Tanager
Little Tern (Least Tern)	Painted Bunting
Caspian Tern	Purple Finch
Ancient Murrelet	Le Conte's Sparrow
	Sharp-tailed Sparrow
	Golden-crowned Sparrow

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1977:

The following people have been nominated for 1977 Denver Field Ornithologists' Officers:

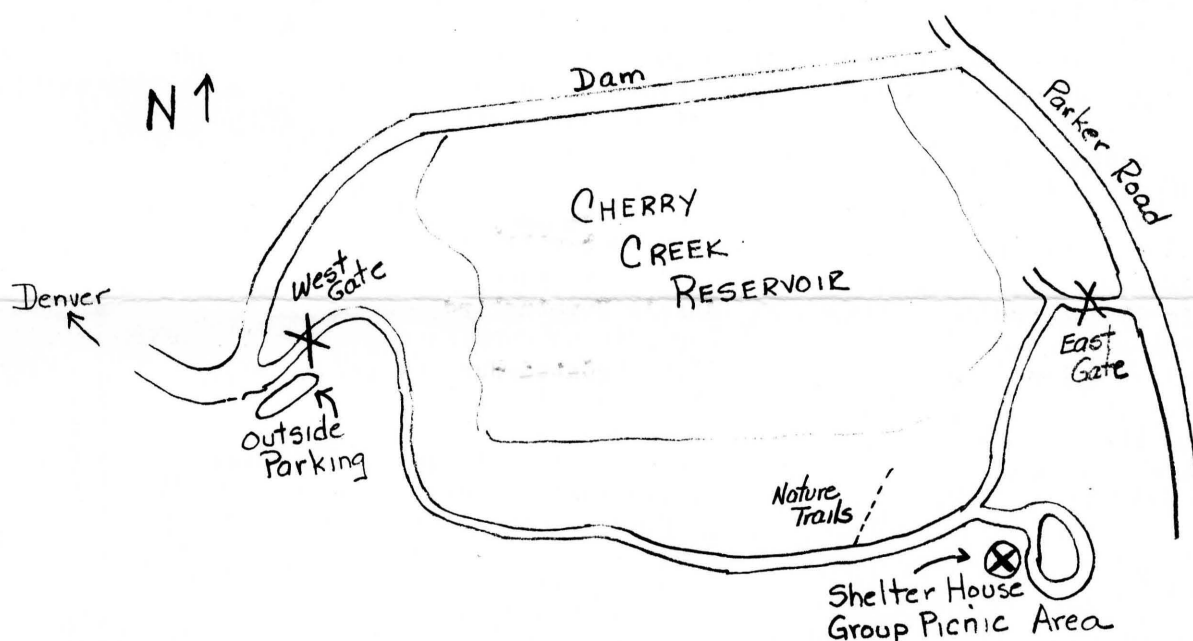
PRESIDENT - Dr. Ward L. Chadwick
VICE-PRESIDENT - Robert Andrews
RECORDING SECRETARY - To be named at later date
TREASURER - Kathryn Whipple
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Ruth Wheeler

The following people have been nominated for 1977-1979 Board Members:

BOARD MEMBER - Sophia Bogart
BOARD MEMBER - Margaret Elliott

Election of Officers will be held at the May meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DFO FAMILY PICNIC: Tuesday, May 25, 1976 from 5:00 P.M. on at the Shelter House at the Group Picnic Area at Cherry Creek Reservoir State Recreation Area. The Board of Directors has decided to have a family picnic for the regular May DFO meeting. The shelter house is reserved for the DFO and families. Members who do not have an annual State Parks Pass are asked to call a committee member if they need a ride from a designated parking area. Daily Passes may be purchased for \$1.00 per car at either the East or West Entrance of the Recreation Area. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, BEVERAGE AND EATING UTENSILS! Charcoal burners are available at the site. Bring your own charcoal. Birding should be good along the nearby nature trail. At 7:30 P.M. a short business meeting will be held, with an informal program of vacation birding trips by several members. For reservations and further information, call after May 10: Patty Echelmeyer at 233-4947; Henry Bossman at 781-6855; Margo Chadwick at 321-1212.



MAY 1976 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

- MAY 1, Saturday. Lakes north of Denver. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. 8:00 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan.*
2, Sunday. Boulder area. John Leonard, Leader. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center and meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center in front of King Sooper at 8:00 A.M.*
8, Saturday. Deer Creek area. Merle Barbour and Hazel Kellogg, Leaders. 7:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285).*
9, Sunday. Red Rocks/Genessee. Don Thatcher, Leader. 7:00 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan-1/2 day.
15, Saturday. SPRING COUNT DAY! Arrange field trips individually and contact others who might be interested. Paul Rechel will lead 1/2-day trip to Banner Lakes leaving the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M.
16, Sunday. Barr/MHDC. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. 7:00 A.M. at Museum of Nat. History.*
22, Saturday. Ken Caryl. Ward Chadwick, Leader. 8:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shop. Ctr. (*-Optional)
23, Sunday. Pawnee Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, Leader. 7 A.M. at Museum of Nat. History.*
29, Saturday. Cherry Creek/Castlewood. Henry and Vi Bossman, Leaders. 7:30 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285).*
30, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED!

* BRING LUNCH

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APRIL 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- APRIL 3, Saturday. Pueblo Area. Leader: Dave Griffiths. NO FIELD TRIP REPORT RECEIVED.
- 4, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Merle Barbour, Ann Bunting, Lori Chappell, Virginia Faxon, Bob and Jan Furman, Bob Glover, John Hannum, Joan Harshbarger, Nancy Jones, Barbara Jubrias, Gail and Sarah Leirne, Bernice Merry, Tom and Helen Singer, Ted and Jo Trainor, Nancy Zavitz. (Warm, sunny and hazy). 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. (35 species)
- 10, Saturday. Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir, Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Robert Andrews, Vi and Henry Bossman, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Barbara Jubrias, Chuck Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, variable, 4-7 MPH becoming NW, 18-25 MPH; 38°-72°). 14 hours. (73 species)
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park/Genessee. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO FIELD TRIP REPORT RECEIVED.
- 17, Saturday. Sharp-tailed Grouse Trip. Leader: Bernie Goetze. NO FIELD TRIP REPORT RECEIVED.
- 18, Easter Sunday. NO FIELD TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 24, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Dave McCargo, Thompson Marsh, Mary Metcalf, Larry Stebbins (Detroit, Michigan). 9 hours. (40 species)
- 25, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Lori Chappell, Bob and Jan Furman, Dave Hutchinson, Chuck Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Urling Kingery, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Judy and Doug Ward, Andy Wilbur. 8 hours. (62 species)

EDITORIAL

The number of Field Trip Reports not received for April speaks for itself. If we are to keep the Lark Bunting a viable and informative organ covering Denver Field Ornithologists' activities, then complete reporting of all Field Trips is imperative. Those individuals volunteering to lead Field Trips unquestionably accept responsibility to provide an accounting of the day's activities. Many individuals utilize the data summarized in the Lark Bunting for various record keeping purposes. When only a little over one-half of the scheduled Field Trips are reported, many important records, arrival and departure dates and other statistical data are lost as a result (an especially unfortunate situation during a heavy migration month such as April). Henceforth, the Editor expects that all Field Trip Leaders will exercise their responsibility and turn in timely reports immediately following the Field Trip. Please don't wait until the last minute at the end of the month. Prompt reporting assists the Editor in publishing the Lark Bunting on a timely basis.

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Mary Jean Black - 2270 Nome Street, Aurora, Colorado 80010
Polly Kemp - 149 High Street, Denver, Colorado 80218
Robert Zogg - 1211 Garfield, Denver, Colorado 80206

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AREA	CCR	MSJR	PNG	W/C
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
Horned Grebe	13	16		
Eared Grebe		1	1	4
Western Grebe	3	2		45
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1	8
Double-crested Cormorant		10	3	
Great Blue Heron	6	26		21
White-faced Ibis				6
Canada Goose	4	5		17
Snow Goose	21			
"White" form		2		
Mallard	46	229	20	15
Gadwall	2	37		39
Common Pintail		219	3	
Green-winged Teal		108		14
Blue-winged Teal		16		10
Cinnamon Teal		12		5
American Wigeon	5	177		10
Northern Shoveler	3	103		60
Wood Duck				1
Redhead	34	171		
Ring-necked Duck		4		
Canvasback		12		
Lesser Scaup	30	345	2	40
Common Goldeneye		2		
Bufflehead	4	20	1	
Ruddy Duck		250	2	
Common Merganser	13	4	4	
Red-breasted Merganser	1			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1
Red-tailed Hawk				
"Western" race		1	1	5
Swainson's Hawk		1	2	
Rough-legged Hawk		13		
Ferruginous Hawk		1	1	
Golden Eagle		2	1	
Northern Harrier	3	4	3	
Osprey				1
Merlin		1	2	
American Kestrel	8	22	5	5
Common Bobwhite		3		
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	4		1
Virginia Rail		2		4
Sora				1
American Coot	34	39	2	60
American Avocet		23	1	
Killdeer	5	31	6	22
Mountain Plover			3	
Greater Yellowlegs		4		
Lesser Yellowlegs		6		
Willet			2	
Wilson's Phalarope				1
Common Snipe		18		
Baird's Sandpiper		5		
California Gull		2		20
Ring-billed Gull	125	209	1	1
Franklin's Gull		8		
Rock Dove		104		1
Mourning Dove	1	22	32	24
Great Horned Owl		4		3
Burrowing Owl		3	2	
Short-eared Owl	1			
Belted Kingfisher				3
Common Flicker				
"Red-shafted" race	6	12	1	8
Downy Woodpecker	1			8
"eastern" races		7		
Say's Phoebe		1	2	

APRIL	4	10	24	25
Horned Lark	3	130	300	10
Tree Swallow				5
Barn Swallow			3	10
Blue Jay		2		
Scrub Jay				2
Black-billed Magpie	9	37	5	12
Northern Raven				1
Black-capped Chickadee	2	13		26
Brown Creeper			1	
House Wren				9
Marsh Wren	1			
Sage Thrasher		3		
American Robin	2	32		22
Water Pipit		1		1
Loggerhead Shrike		6	8	
European Starling	2	187	4	
Yellow Warbler				1
Yellow-rumped Warbler				4
"Myrtle" race				10
"Audubon's" race			1	14
Wilson's Warbler				2
House Sparrow		269	5	2
Western Meadowlark	13	244	60	54
Yellow-headed Blackbird		58		8
Red-winged Blackbird	28	2836	50	13
Brewer's Blackbird		4		
Common Grackle		166		13
Brown-headed Cowbird				5
House Finch		15		2
Pine Siskin		4		14
American Goldfinch		15		6
Rufous-sided Towhee				31
Vesper Sparrow		4	2	1
Northern Junco				
"Oregon" race	1	14	1	1
White-crowned Sparrow		21		22
Song Sparrow	5	1		26
McCown's Longspur			15	
Chestnut-collared Longspur			1	
TOTAL SPECIES AND SUB-SPECIES (100)	35	73	40	62

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: (Those marked with a (*) are pending approval of the CFO Official Records Committee).

- Common Loon 4-16 (3), Marston Reservoir (KH); 4-30 (1), Barr Lake (MOS); 4-30 (1), Rocky Mountain Arsenal (CL).
- Green Heron 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
- Great Egret 4-4 (1), Park Lake Estates, Boulder (KH).
- American Bittern 4-10 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (CH, FH).
- White-faced Ibis 4-7 (1), Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RF); 4-18 and 4-19 (2), Evergreen Lake, Evergreen (CB, SB).
- Greater White-fronted Goose 4-3 thru 4-5 (4), Barr Lake (RA, MOS).
- EURASIAN WIGEON (*) 4-3 (one male), Barr Lake (RA).
- Wood Duck 4-24 (2), Barr Lake (RA).
- Greater Scaup 4-3 (4), Barr Lake (RA).
- Hooded Merganser 4-23 (one male), Arsenal (RF).
- Red-breasted Merganser 4-16 (2 pair), Marston Reservoir (KH).
- Turkey Vulture 4-15 (1), Evergreen (CB).
- Broad-winged Hawk 4-24 (1), Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
- Rough-legged Hawk 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
- Bald Eagle 4-12 (one adult), one mile north of Rocky Mountain Arsenal (MOS).
- Osprey 4-18 (1), Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 4-19 (1), Evergreen (CB); 4-30 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MOS).
- Peregrine Falcon 4-24 (one adult female), 15 miles southeast of Hereford, Weld County (CM, KM); 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
- Semipalmated Plover 4-30 (2), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MOS).
- Lesser Yellowlegs 4-1 (2), Vaille Reservoir, Adams County (MOS).
- Sanderling 4-30 (2), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MOS).
- Semipalmated Sandpiper 4-30 (4), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MOS).
- Western Sandpiper 4-15 (3), Arsenal (RF).
- Least Sandpiper 4-15 (4), Arsenal (RF).
- Franklin's Gull 4-3 (1), Barr Lake (RA).

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Bonaparte's Gull 4-8 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (RA).
Barn Owl 4-10 (2), Cherry Creek Reservoir (CH, FH); 4-12 (1) and 4-19 (2), Arsenal (RF).
Long-eared Owl 4-11 (number seen-?), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MOS, JT); 4-15 (3) and 4-19 (3), Arsenal (RF).
Williamson's Sapsucker 4-16 (one pair), Hiwan Hills, Evergreen (CB).
Western Kingbird 4-30 (1), Arsenal (DT).
Eastern Phoebe 4-18 (1), Chatfield Reservoir (HK).
Tree Swallow 4-10 (5), Arsenal (RF).
Bank Swallow 4-17 (2), Sloan's Lake (PE).
Barn Swallow 4-7 (1), Arsenal (RF).
PURPLE MARTIN (*) 4-29 (one male), Barr Lake (RA).
Pinon Jay 4-14 (85), Lathrop State Park (CH, KH).
House Wren 4-7 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Bewick's Wren 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Sage Thrasher 4-1 (2), Arsenal (CL).
Eastern Bluebird 4-4 (one male), Barr Lake (RA).
Western Bluebird 4-18 (7), Waterton (HK).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 4-7 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Bohemian Waxwing 4-2 (30), Dillon (SS).
Tennessee Warbler 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Northern Parula Warbler 4-18 (1), Chatfield Reservoir (HK).
Yellow Warbler 4-18 (1), Chatfield Reservoir (HK).
Black-throated Gray Warbler 4-15 (1), Green Mountain (ME).
Wilson's Warbler 4-20 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Rusty Blackbird 4-8 (3), Cherry Creek Reservoir (RA).
Western Tanager 4-29 (one male), Barr Lake (RA).
Green-tailed Towhee 4-30 (1), Arsenal (RF).
Vesper Sparrow 4-10 (2), Arsenal (RF).
Brewer's Sparrow 4-19 (6), Arsenal (CL).
Harris' Sparrow 4-24 (2), Barr Lake (RA).
White-throated Sparrow 4-29 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Lincoln's Sparrow 4-4 (1), Aurora (MOS).

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Chris Blakeslee (CB), Sylvia Brockner (SB), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margaret Elliott (ME), Randy Fairbanks (RF), Carol Hack (CH), Fern Hack (FH), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Hugh Kingery (HK), Charles Legros (CL), Christine Mesch (CM), Ken Mesch (KM), Susan Seeds (SS), Mildred Snyder (MOS), David Thorne (DT), Jo Trainor (JT).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored field trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND NON-RECEIPT OF THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Mrs. Kathryn Whipple - 232 Titan Street, Aurora, Colorado 80010. Telephone: 343-9793.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1977:

The following people have been nominated for 1977 Denver Field Ornithologists' Officers:

PRESIDENT - Dr. Ward L. Chadwick
VICE-PRESIDENT - Robert Andrews
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TREASURER - Kathryn Whipple
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

The following people have been nominated for 1977-1979 Board Members:

BOARD MEMBER - Sophia Bogart
BOARD MEMBER - Margaret Elliott

Election of Officers will be held at the May meeting.

JUNE 1976 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

JUNE 5 and 6, Saturday and Sunday. Colorado Field Ornithologists' Annual Convention, Fort Collins.

12, Saturday. Waterton/Chatfield Reservoir. Bob Spencer, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:00 A.M. *

13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park/Genessee. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. 1/2 day.

19, Saturday. No trip scheduled. Ruth Wheeler - Turkey Cr - 25th & Sheridan 7:30 am

20, Sunday. Evergreen area. Bill Brockner, Leader. Meet at Public Service Parking Lot, Evergreen at 8:00 A.M. *

26, Saturday. No trip scheduled. Bob Spencer - Ester Park

27, Sunday. No trip scheduled.

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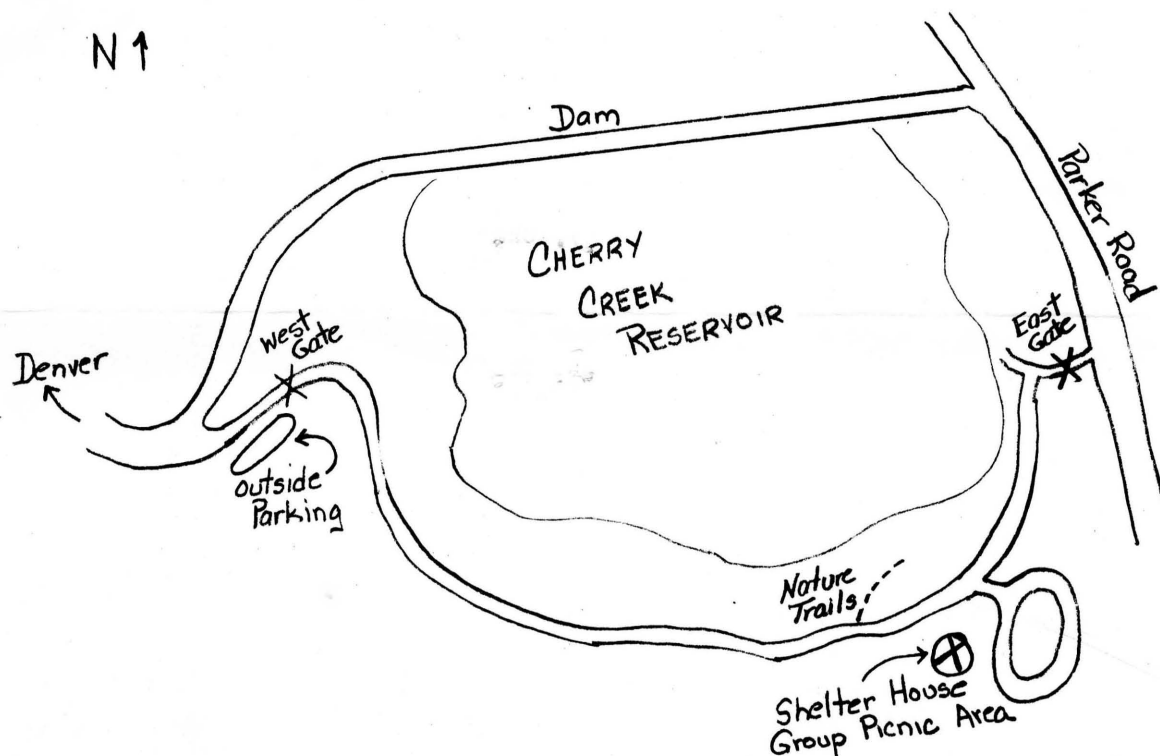
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DFO FAMILY PICNIC: Tuesday, May 25, 1976 from 5:00 P.M. on at the Shelter House at the Group Picnic Area at Cherry Creek Reservoir State Recreation Area. The Board of Directors has decided to have a family picnic for the regular May DFO meeting. The shelter house is reserved for the DFO and families. Members who do not have an annual State Parks Pass are asked to call a committee member if they need a ride from a designated parking area. Daily Passes may be purchased for \$1.00 per car at either the East or West Entrance of the Recreation Area. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, BEVERAGE AND EATING UTENSILS! Charcoal burners are available at the site. Bring your own charcoal. Birding should be good along the nearby nature trail. At 7:30 P.M. a short business meeting will be held, with an informal program of vacation birding trips by several members. For reservations and further information, call after May 10: Patty Echelmeyer at 233-4947; Henry Bossman at 781-6855; Margo Chadwick at 321-1212.





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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1976

MAY 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- MAY
- 1, Saturday. Lakes and vicinity from southwest of Standley Lake to McKay's Lake - gravel pits from Pecos to Lowell near 64th. Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ina Dodds, Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Arlene Parker, Mary Robinson, Helen Singer, Helen Tripp, June Williamson. (Fair; light wind in afternoon; 45°-65°). 9 hours. (54 species)
 - 2, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: John Leonard. Observers: Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Bill and Jewell Henrichs, Hazel Kellogg. (Clear; warm; very little wind). 6 hours. (54 species)
 - 8, Saturday. Deer Creek Canyon and Morrison Park. Leaders: Merle Barbour and Hazel Kellogg. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Thompson Marsh, Colin Murcray, Floyd Pendell, Helen Singer. (Cloudy; sunny by mid-morning; 38°-50°). 7 hours. (36 species)
 - 9, Sunday. Red Rocks and Genessee. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO FIELD TRIP REPORT RECEIVED.
 - 15, Saturday. State-wide Spring Count. Results will be published in a forthcoming issue of the CFO Journal.
 - 16, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake and Mile High Duck Club. Leaders: Patty Echelmeyer and Robert Andrews. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Ron Lestina, Ray Olson, Leslie Parker, Edie Trimmer, Vito Tursi. (Clear; warm). 10½ hours. (107 species)
 - 22, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leader: Dr. Ward Chadwick. Observers: Merle Barbour, Margo Chadwick, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Marie-Luise Paneth, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy; cool; breezy). 5 hours. (48 species)
 - 23, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. TRIP CANCELLED.
 - 29, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon. Leaders: Henry and Vi Bossman. Observers: Tom Baptist (Connecticut), Art and Caroline Beck, Chris Blakeslee, Lori Chappell, Hazel Kellogg, Garland and Becky Truitt, Vito Tursi. (Sunny turning overcast in afternoon). 9 hours. (77 species)
 - 30, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.

TRIP LEADERS! PLEASE NOTE! Send your trip reports, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area Check-List, other appropriate Check-List or list in AOU CHECK-LIST order as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308. In addition, please notify the Editor if a trip is cancelled for any reason. DEADLINE FOR REPORTS IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH! Reports not received by this deadline will not be included in the summary of field trips.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Polly Bullard - 1200 Vine Street, Apartment 801, Denver, Colorado 80206
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NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of acceptable "forms" and subspecies was published in the February 1976 issue (Vol. 11, No. 6).

MAY AREA HABITAT	1 NDEN PLNS	2 BLDR FOOT	8 DCR/MP FOOT	16 BARR PLNS	22 KCR FOOT	29 CCR PLNS
Common Loon						1
Horned Grebe	4	3		7		
Eared Grebe	1			8		10
Western Grebe	80	4		40		63
Pied-billed Grebe	2	4		10		
American White Pelican				60		
Double-crested Cormorant				50		
Great Blue Heron	2	3		25	10	
Snowy Egret				2		
Black-crowned Night Heron				12		
American Bittern				3		
White-faced Ibis				13		
Canada Goose	5	15		10		19
Mallard	6	4	4	55	1	12
Gadwall	12	2		35		13
Common Pintail				30	3	
Green-winged Teal		1		5	4	1
Blue-winged Teal	12	6		45	11	
Cinnamon Teal	2	1		15	5	
American Wigeon	3				2	18
Northern Shoveler		2		39		4
Wood Duck				2		
Redhead	14	8		24		15
Ring-necked Duck		10				
Canvasback		6		1		
Lesser Scaup	4	10		10		
Common Goldeneye		1				
Bufflehead		6				2
Ruddy Duck	13			18		
Turkey Vulture						3
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1
Red-tailed Hawk			1			1
Swainson's Hawk						1
Golden Eagle			1		2A;2I	1
Northern Harrier				2		2
Osprey		1				
American Kestrel	5	10	12	5	1	6
Ring-necked Pheasant	1			4		
Virginia Rail						2
Sora				2		
American Coot	42	20		140		30
American Avocet				40		
Semipalmated Plover				1		
Killdeer	3	9		18	2	15
Black-bellied Plover				18		
Marbled Godwit					2	
Long-billed Curlew	1					
Lesser Yellowlegs				12		
Willet				10	2	
Spotted Sandpiper	1	2		3	17	6
Wilson's Phalarope		100		335	10	
Northern Phalarope				16		
Common Snipe						1
Long-billed Dowitcher				34	9	
Sanderling	2			42		
Baird's Sandpiper		1				
Pectoral Sandpiper				1		
Stilt Sandpiper				3		
California Gull						1
Ring-billed Gull	1	1	3			16
Forster's Tern	1					2
Black Tern				36		
Rock Dove	7	15	10		35	
Mourning Dove	24	20	6	33	3	20
Great Horned Owl	1		1	3		
Burrowing Owl	2			11		
Short-eared Owl	1					9

MAY	1	2	8	16	22	29
White-throated Swift			10			5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird					1	2
Belted Kingfisher	2	1		1		
Common Flicker		15				
"Yellow-shafted" race				1		
"Red-shafted" race	5		4	6		2
Red-headed Woodpecker				1		
Lewis' Woodpecker	1					
Downy Woodpecker		3		6		1
Eastern Kingbird				3		1
Western Kingbird				4		10
Say's Phoebe	3			1		1
"Empidonax"				4		
Western Pewee					1	2
Horned Lark				16	25	4
Violet-green Swallow			25	5	3	
Tree Swallow				4		
Bank Swallow				2		
Rough-winged Swallow	1	10				6
Barn Swallow	13	25	10	55	4	20
Cliff Swallow						50
Blue Jay						1
Steller's Jay			2			4
Scrub Jay			5		2	
Black-billed Magpie	15	30	4	35	3	30
Northern Raven			1			4
American Crow		2	1		3	1
Black-capped Chickadee		1	6	6		1
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1		
Pygmy Nuthatch						2
North American Dipper			2			
House Wren		1	2	22		8
Canyon Wren			3		1	1
Rock Wren			1	1		
Brown Thrasher				1		
American Robin		10	13	11	12	10
Wood Thrush				1		
Hermit Thrush	1			1		
Swainson's Thrush				45		2
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH#				1		
Verry				1		
Western Bluebird						2
Mountain Bluebird						8
Townsend's Solitaire						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1		
Loggerhead Shrike				2		
European Starling	20	45	7	96	44	20
Solitary Vireo						1
Warbling Vireo						1
Black-and-White Warbler			1	1		
Orange-crowned Warbler		15				
Nashville Warbler				1		
Virginia's Warbler						2
Yellow Warbler		2		8	1	6
Yellow-rumped Warbler		50				
"Myrtle" race	1		2			
"Audubon's" race	4			6	1	
Townsend's Warbler				1		
Blackpoll Warbler				3		
Northern Waterthrush				1		
MacGillivray's Warbler				1		
Common Yellowthroat				4		12
Wilson's Warbler	1			1		
American Redstart				3		
House Sparrow	6	5	4	30	19	1
Western Meadowlark	11	15	13	45	77	63
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	3		230		
Red-winged Blackbird	20	20	6	225	3	35
Northern Oriole						
"Bullock's" race				11	1	6
Brewer's Blackbird			4	3	20	
Common Grackle	6	35	4	67		15
Brown-headed Cowbird		1	3	12	8	8
Western Tanager				3		1
Black-headed Grosbeak						2
Blue Grosbeak			1			2

MAY	1	2	8	16	22	29
Lazuli Bunting					3	5
House Finch	5	1	4		8	2
Pine Siskin	1				100	3
American Goldfinch					6	
Lesser Goldfinch						4
Green-tailed Towhee	1			1	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1		6	3	5	4
Lark Bunting				80		
Savannah Sparrow				2		
Vesper Sparrow	2			1	23	5
Lark Sparrow				14	3	5
Northern Junco		1				
Gray-headed Junco			1			
Chipping Sparrow	3	6	1	30		4
Brewer's Sparrow				2		
White-crowned Sparrow	25	2		7	1	
Lincoln's Sparrow				2	1	
Song Sparrow		2		3	3	3
TOTAL SPECIES & SUBSPECIES (158)	54	54	36	107	48	77

Pending acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: (Those marked with a (#) are pending acceptance of the CFO Official Records Committee).

Note: When furnishing data on individual records, indicate (1) specific date or dates, (2) the number of birds observed including sex or plumage if possible (3) exact location of the sighting. A number of good records were turned in during May but lacked sufficient details as listed above and therefore were not included in the summary that follows.

Green Heron 5-4 (1), 104th Avenue and Highway 287 (KH); 5-23 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 White-faced Ibis 5-23 (2), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Snow Goose 5-8 (1), Mile High Duck Club (RA).
 Wood Duck 5-28 (2), Chatfield/Waterton (MS).
 Red-breasted Merganser 5-15 (No.-?), Marston Reservoir (PE).
 Cooper's Hawk 5-22 (3), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Black-necked Stilt 5-10 (1), Barr Lake (RA); 5-19 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH).
 Semipalmated Plover 5-8 (1), Prospect Reservoir (RA).
 Snowy Plover 5-8 (1), Prospect Reservoir (RA).
 Mountain Plover 5-16 (5), Pawnee National Grassland (LL, WL).
 Marbled Godwit 5-17 (24), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS).
 Whimbrel 5-12 (12), Barr Lake (RA).
 Upland Sandpiper 5-16 (3), Pawnee National Grassland (LL, WL).
 Lesser Yellowlegs 5-23 (3), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Solitary Sandpiper 5-23 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Northern Phalarope 5-8 (1), Mile High Duck Club (RA).
 SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER# 5-23 (4), Union Reservoir (JC, BW).
 Sanderling 5-23 (4), Barr Lake (RA).
 Western Sandpiper 5-17 (15), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS).
 Stilt Sandpiper 5-8 (2), 5-27 (1), Mile High Duck Club (RA).
 LITTLE GULL# 5-23 (1 immature), Union Reservoir (JC, BW); 5-27 (1 immature), Union Reservoir (RA),
 (First located by Mike and Pete Moulton of Longmont).
 Common Tern 5-23 (1), Union Reservoir (JC, BW).
 Black Tern 5-8 (3), Barber Ponds (KH).
 Barn Owl 5-2 (No.-?), Cherry Creek Reservoir (JT).
 Poor-will 5-22 (1), Denver (HK); 5-30 (No.-?), Riverside Cemetery at 52nd and Brighton Blvd (JT).
 Common Nighthawk 5-22 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Chimney Swift 5-10 (1) and 5-12 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
 Common Flicker (Yellow-shafted race) 5-20 (1) and 5-24 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
 Hairy Woodpecker (Rocky Mountain race) 5-6 (1 female), Barr Lake (RA).
 Cassin's Kingbird 5-17 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS).
 Eastern Phoebe 5-22 (1) and 5-26 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Willow Flycatcher 5-31 (3), Wheatridge (JR, PR).
 Least Flycatcher 5-20 (1) and 5-21 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
 Western Flycatcher 5-20 (1), Barr Lake (RA); 5-24 (1), Boulder (MS).
 Olive-sided Flycatcher 5-24 (2), Boulder (MS); 5-24 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
 Marsh Wren 5-10 through 5-24 (2), Barr Lake (RA).
 Gray Catbird 5-24 (4), Boulder (MS).
 Wood Thrush 5-10 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
 GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH# 5-13 (1), Boulder (WL); 5-16 (1), Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (LL, WL);
 5-17 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS).
 Veery 5-20 (1), 5-21 (2), 5-23 (2), 5-27 (2), Barr Lake (RA).
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-8 (1), Boulder (PE).
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5-22 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
 Red-eyed Vireo 5-22 (6), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).

Black-and-White Warbler 5-21 (1 banded), Aurora (MS).
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER# 5-8 (1), Boulder (PE).
Worm-eating Warbler 5-8 (1), Boulder (RA).
Nashville Warbler 5-24 (1), Boulder (MS).
Northern Parula Warbler 5-16 (1 male), Hack Ranch near Jefferson, Park County (CH, FH, KH);
5-22 (2), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 5-21 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Chestnut-sided Warbler 5-8 (1), Boulder (RA); 5-24 (2), Boulder (RA, MS).
Bay-breasted Warbler 5-22 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Blackpoll Warbler 5-9 (No.-?), Red Rocks Park (JT); 5-15 (1), Barr Lake (RA); 5-16 (1 pair),
Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (LL, WL); 5-16 (1), Aurora (MS).
Northern Waterthrush 5-19 (1), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 5-20 (1), 5-23 (1), 5-24 (1), Barr
Lake (RA).
Yellow-breasted Chat 5-28 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Hooded Warbler 5-24 (1), Boulder (RA, MS).
Orchard Oriole 5-21 (1), Barr Lake (RA); 5-31 (1), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Northern Oriole (Baltimore race) 5-21 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE# 5-16 (22 adults), Monte Vista with all birds noted in various stages of
nesting (JC, BW).
Western Tanager 5-22 (62), 5-23 (42), 5-31 (11), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Summer Tanager 5-23 (1 female), Barr Lake (RA); 5-24 (1 female), Boulder (RA).
Northern Cardinal 5-26 (1), Denver (MW).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-6 (2), Waterton (PE); 5-29 (2 males), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Indigo Bunting 5-11 (1), Red Rocks Park (PE); 5-17 (2), Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 5-29 (1),
Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 5-19 (No.-?), Squaw Mountain (WC).
Lesser Goldfinch 5-22 (7), Chatfield/Waterton (HK).
Gray-headed Junco 5-10 (1), Barr Lake (RA).
Clay-colored Sparrow 5-16 (2), Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (LL, WL).
Chestnut-collared Longspur 5-16 (8), Pawnee National Grassland (LL, WL).

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JUNE 1976 FIELD TRIPS

JUNE 5 and 6, Saturday and Sunday. CFO Annual Convention at Fort Collins.

- 12, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Joseph and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Jim Lane, John Leonard, Jim Schmidt, Larry Smith, Kitty Swindler. (Clear; warm). 8 hours. (72 species)
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observer: Barbara Jubrias. (Fair; hot). 4 hours. (30 species)
- 19, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes off U.S. 285 in the vicinity of Crow Hill. Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Merle Barbour, Art and Caroline Beck, Christine Bonney, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp. (Fair; 55°-70°). 6 hours. (32 species)
- 20, Sunday. Evergreen to Mount Evans. Leaders: Sylvia and Winston William Brockner. Observers: Ward and Margo Chadwick, Vi Hubka, Chuck Kangas, Sadie Morrison. (Clear; 39°-89°). (39 species)
- 26, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leaders: Bob and Shirley Spencer. Observers: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Joseph and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison. (Clear to scattered clouds; warm). 6½ hours. (42 species)
- 27, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.

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JUNE	12	13	19	20	26
AREA	W/C	RRP	CROW	EVER	RMNP
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	MTNS
Western Grebe	73				
Pied-billed Grebe	1				
Double-crested Cormorant	3				
Great Blue Heron	12				
Canada Goose	37				
Mallard	24		2		2
Gadwall	10				
Common Pintail	6				
Green-winged Teal	3				2
Cinnamon Teal	1				
Wood Duck	Pair				
Redhead	6				
Lesser Scaup	1				
Ruddy Duck	2				
Turkey Vulture	3		1		1
Red-tailed Hawk			1		1
Swainson's Hawk	1				
American Kestrel	4				
American Coot	8				
Killdeer	2				
Spotted Sandpiper	1				2
California Gull	70(?)				
Ring-billed Gull	7				
Franklin's Gull	1				
Rock Dove	13	20			
Mourning Dove	23	2	4	4	
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u>		1			
Great Horned Owl	1 imm.				
White-throated Swift		13			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2		3	2	6
Belted Kingfisher	4				
Common Flicker					
"Red-shafted" race	5	2	3	2	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				1	
Williamson's Sapsucker			2		3
Hairy Woodpecker	1		1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	1				1
Eastern Kingbird	4				
Western Kingbird	5				
Say's Phoebe	1	1			
"Empidonax" Flycatcher			1		2
Western Flycatcher				1	
Western Pewee	3	1	1	1	7
Olive-sided Flycatcher				2	1
Horned Lark	20			4	
Violet-green Swallow		2		10	3
Rough-winged Swallow	4		2		
Tree Swallow			14		23
Barn Swallow	12	1	1		2
Cliff Swallow	10	5			
Gray Jay					4
Blue Jay	1			6	6
Steller's Jay					
Scrub Jay		2			
Black-billed Magpie	18	6	3	2	3
Northern Raven			2	1	2
American Crow	1		2	1	
Clark's Nutcracker				1	30
Black-capped Chickadee	2	1			
Mountain Chickadee			4	4	2
White-breasted Nuthatch				2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1
Pygmy Nuthatch				2	2
North American Dipper					3
House Wren	13	1	2	2	8
Canyon Wren		5			
Northern Mockingbird	1				
Gray Catbird	2	2			
American Robin	25	13	8	4	7

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JUNE	12	13	19	20	26
Hermit Thrush				2	
Swainson's Thrush			1	1	
Mountain Bluebird			2	2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	12	4
Water Pipit				4	1
Cedar Waxwing	2				
European Starling	73	2	2	2	
Warbling Vireo	2		3	1	6
Virginia's Warbler		5			
Yellow Warbler	10	2			
Yellow-rumped Warbler					
"Audubon's" race			4	4	1
MacGillivray's Warbler					1
Common Yellowthroat	9				
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	6			
Wilson's Warbler				12	2
American Redstart	2				
House Sparrow	22			6	
Western Meadowlark	20	4			
Red-winged Blackbird	17		3		
Orchard Oriole	1				
Northern Oriole					
"Bullock's" race	10	9			
Brewer's Blackbird	2		4	4	2
Common Grackle	21		7		
Brown-headed Cowbird	7	8	1	4	
Black-headed Grosbeak	3	9			
Blue Grosbeak	2				
Indigo Bunting	1				
Lazuli Bunting	10	4			
LazuliXIndigo Hybrid		1			
Evening Grosbeak				1	5
Cassin's Finch					2
House Finch	8	7		4	
Pine Siskin			8	4	6
American Goldfinch	4				2
Lesser Goldfinch	7	2			
Rufous-sided Towhee	6	15			
Lark Sparrow	3				
Gray-headed Junco				1	4
Chipping Sparrow			2		2
White-crowned Sparrow				6	
Lincoln's Sparrow				4	2
Song Sparrow	7	1	4		3
TOTAL SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES (110)	72	30	32	39	42

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: (Those marked with a (#) are pending acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee).

Observations at Barr Lake State Park for June 1976, Bob Andrews reporting:

Horned Grebe 6-4 (1)
 White Pelican Up to 170 all month
 Snowy Egret 3 pairs all month
 Wood Duck One pair all month with one female and 10 ducklings (6-27)
 Willet 6-24 (4)
 Franklin's Gull 6-25 (6); 6-26 (8); 6-27 (150); 6-28 (500)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 6-13 (1)
 Olive-sided Flycatcher 6-4 (1)
 Cliff Swallow 6-18 (500+) apparently still migrating
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 6-28 (1)
 Sage Thrasher 6-18 (1)
 Gray Catbird 6-10 (1)
 Swainson's Thrush 6-3 (6); 6-4 (5); 6-5 (2); 6-6 (2)
 Mountain Bluebird 6-10 (1 male)
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER 6-6 (1 singing male)#
 Audubon's Warbler 6-25 (1 male)
 Bay-breasted Warbler 6-5 and 6-6 (1 male)
 Yellow-breasted Chat 6-24 (1)
 American Redstart 6-5 (1 female)
 Orchard Oriole 2 pairs all month
 Western Tanager 6-13 (1 male)
 Indigo Bunting 6-13 (1 male)
 Pine Siskin 6-10 (1)
 Rufous-sided Towhee 6-6 (1)
 Lincoln's Sparrow 6-4 (1)

Other Individual Reports:

Oldsquaw 6-5 and 6-6 (1 pair), Hohnholz Lake #3 ("Upper Lake") near the Laramie River, Larimer County (Barbara Jubrias).

KING RAIL 6-15 (1 adult), C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo (Bob Andrews). First found by Carolyn and Dave Griffiths of Pueblo on 6-12. The bird was still present at the same spot on 7-3. If accepted this represents Colorado's first substantiated record#.

Northern Phalarope 6-5 and 6-6 (1 male), Hohnholz Lake (Barbara Jubrias).

Hammond's Flycatcher 6-13 (1), Echo Lake (Bill and Linda Lybarger).

Gray Jay 6-13 (2), Echo Lake (Bill and Linda Lybarger).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6-21 (1), Castlewood Canyon (Bob Andrews).

Ovenbird 6-21 (1), Castlewood Canyon (Bob Andrews); Also 6-4 (1), Barr Lake S.P. (Bob Andrews).

Brown-capped Rosy Finch 6-13 (4), Mount Evans (Bill and Linda Lybarger).

JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1976 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

JULY 31 and AUGUST 1 Eads Lakes area (overnight trip). Sophia Bogart, Leader. Call 364-5294 after 10:00 P.M. for details.

- AUGUST
- 1, Sunday. Louviers/Jackson Creek. Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, Leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 7, Saturday. Upper Bear Creek. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 8, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. (½ day trip).
 - 14, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Bob Spencer, Leader. Carpool at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at Fall River entrance at 8:30 A.M. *
 - 15, Sunday. Genessee Park. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. (Lunch optional).
 - 21, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon. Henry and VI Bossman, Leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 22, Sunday. Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 28, Saturday. Waterton/Chatfield Reservoir area. Jo Trainor, Leader. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at Waterton bridge. (½ day trip with lunch optional).
 - 29, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *

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JULY 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- JULY 3, Saturday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Dave Beaty, Marg Brockmeyer, Joseph and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Elmer and Alcey Mueggenborg (Galesburg, Illinois), Ruth Wheeler. (Fair; 60°-90°; slight breeze). 7 hours. 48 species)
- 4, Sunday. HOLIDAY. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 10, Saturday. South Park area. Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Ray Olson, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 50°-78°). 7 hours. (43 species)
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Jack Gulvin, Wendy Wilkins. (Fair; hot). 4½ hours. (26 species)
- 17, Saturday. Coal Creek Canyon, Middle Boulder Creek and Eldora. Leaders: Sadie Morrison and Gail Shickley. Observers: Joann Abbott, Merle Barbour, Peg Benedict, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Nancy Cantrell, Ward and Margo Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Margaret Denny, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Cecily Mellor, Ray Olson, Mary Jane Schock, Sister Veronica Marie, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Hot and sunny; some breeze). 8½ hours. (43 species)
- 18, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Leader: Ray Olson. NO OBSERVERS. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 24, Saturday. Fillius Park, Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake and Summit Lake (Mount Evans). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Vi Hubka, Barbara Jubrias, Joe and Caroline Krieg, Matt Krieg, Paul and Bernice Merry, Sadie Morrison, Floyd Pendell, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Wayne Wathen. (Clear to cloudy; rain; 50°-80°). 6½ hours. (33 species)
- 25, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 31, Saturday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 31, Saturday. Denver to Pueblo, Ordway, Rocky Ford, Cheraw, La Junta and John Martin Dam. Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Cloudy becoming mostly clear, hazy. Severe thunderstorms in late afternoon; 65°-80°; Winds, NE, 8-12 MPH, gusts to 25). 259 miles, 14½ hours. (71 species)

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AREA	BLDR	SOPK	RRPK	ELDORA	MTEVAN	SECOLO
HABITAT	PLNS	MTNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	PLNS
Hared Grebe						1
Western Grebe	40					110
Pied-billed Grebe	20					31
Double-crested Cormorant						1
Great Blue Heron	6					116
Green Heron	3					
Snowy Egret						1
Black-crowned Night Heron	2					6
Canada Goose	80					1
Mallard	20	1				1
Gadwall						2
Blue-winged Teal	10					
Cinnamon Teal	4					
Redhead						8
Canvasback						1
Ruddy Duck	1					1
Turkey Vulture				1	1	
Mississippi Kite						1 ad.
Red-tailed Hawk				1		
Swainson's Hawk						1
Northern Harrier		1				1 f.
Prairie Falcon			2	1		
American Kestrel	3	1				10
Common Bobwhite						1
American Coot	50					54
Black-necked Stilt						15
American Avocet						10
Semipalmated Plover						1
Killdeer	7	2				81
Snowy Plover						12
Greater Yellowlegs						13
Lesser Yellowlegs						3
Spotted Sandpiper		1		1		9
Wilson's Phalarope						100
Northern Phalarope						5
Common Snipe		5		1		
Long-billed Dowitcher						12
Western Sandpiper						11
Least Sandpiper						53
Baird's Sandpiper						21
Stilt Sandpiper						2
California Gull						2
Ring-billed Gull	15					125
Franklin's Gull						790
Forster's Tern						1
Black Tern						59
Rock Dove	10		25			114
Mourning Dove	5		4			127
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						1
Common Nighthawk						1
White-throated Swift			14	2		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	10	9		21	1	
Rufous Hummingbird		2		9	1	
Belted Kingfisher				2		
Common Flicker						
"Red-shafted" race	6	5	1	2	1	
Red-headed Woodpecker						3
Lewis' Woodpecker						2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		9		2		
Williamson's Sapsucker				1		
Downy Woodpecker		1	1		1	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker						1
No. Three-toed Woodpecker		2				
Eastern Kingbird						1
Western Kingbird						133
Ash-throated Flycatcher				1		

JULY	3	10	11	17	24	31
Dusky Flycatcher				2		
Western Flycatcher					1	
Western Pewee	5	3			1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2				
Horned Lark						210
Violet-green Swallow		12	6	6		
Tree Swallow		70		8		
Rough-winged Swallow	2					2
Barn Swallow	10					106
Cliff Swallow		35	60			82
Gray Jay		1			2	
Steller's Jay	2			2	3	
Scrub Jay			2	1		1
Black-billed Magpie	35	1	6			9
Northern Raven		1		5	1	
American Crow	1	1		1	21	3
Clark's Nutcracker					4	
Black-capped Chickadee			2	1		
Mountain Chickadee	1				3	
White-breasted Nuthatch					1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	
Pygmy Nuthatch				2	6	
Brown Creeper					2	
House Wren		6	3	1		
Canyon Wren			7			
Northern Mockingbird						5
Gray Catbird	2		4			
American Robin	20	28	10	9	4	6
Hermit Thrush		1				
Swainson's Thrush					1	
Western Bluebird					3	
Mountain Bluebird		8		4	1	
Townsend's Solitaire		1		2		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		7		3	1	
Water Pipit					3	
European Starling	50	1	1			305
Red-eyed Vireo	3	1				
Warbling Vireo				2		
Virginia's Warbler	1		2			
Yellow Warbler	10	2	2	1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler						
"Audubon's" race		1		3	2	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1 m.					
MacGillivray's Warbler				1		
Common Yellowthroat	10			1		6
Yellow-breasted Chat	1		5			
Wilson's Warbler					4	
House Sparrow	40	1				197
Western Meadowlark	30	1	7			19
Yellow-headed Blackbird	50					
Red-winged Blackbird	20	7		6		85
Northern Oriole	2		2			3
Brewer's Blackbird		20				1
Common Grackle	8					17
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	10	5	8		
Western Tanager				1		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1 m.			
Black-headed Grosbeak			1			
Indigo Bunting	1					
Lazuli Bunting	4					
IndigoX Lazuli Hybrid			1 m.			
Evening Grosbeak				3	8	
Cassin's Finch		2		3	1	
House Finch	15			1		15
Brown-capped Rosy Finch					4	
Pine Siskin		45		12	1	
American Goldfinch						2
Lesser Goldfinch	6			6		
Rufous-sided Towhee	8		14			
Lark Bunting						114
Savannah Sparrow		10				
Lark Sparrow						26
Gray-headed Junco		7		2	2	
Chipping Sparrow	10	1		10	6	12

JULY	3	10	11	17	24	31
White-crowned Sparrow		12			6	
Lincoln's Sparrow		1			7	
Song Sparrow	4			2		
TOTAL SPECIES & SUBSPECIES 141	48	43	26	43	33	71

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Observations at Barr Lake State Park for July 1976, Bob Andrews reporting:

Yellow-crowned Night Heron 7-24 and 7-25 (1 adult)
 Wood Duck Up to 9 all month
 Canvasback 7-25 (1 male)
 Semipalmated Plover 7-25 (1)
 Solitary Sandpiper 7-3 (1); 7-24 (10)
 Lesser Yellowlegs 7-3 (3); 7-29 (50)
 Pectoral Sandpiper 7-24 and 7-25 (1)
 Baird's Sandpiper 7-9 (7); 7-25 (364)
 Least Sandpiper 7-10 (4); 7-23 (140)
 Long-billed Dowitcher 7-29 (2)
 Western Sandpiper 7-9 (1); 7-25 (20)
 Semipalmated Sandpiper 7-23 (15)
 Marbled Godwit 7-30 (1)
 Black Tern 7-11 (26)
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird 7-16 (1 female); 7-25 (1 male); 7-31 (1 female)
 Olive-sided Flycatcher 7-30 (1)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 7-2 (1)
 Brown Thrasher 7-3 (1)
 Sage Thrasher 7-3 (1); 7-15 (3)
 Orchard Oriole 2 pairs, last seen 7-16
 Western Tanager 7-10 (1 male); 7-29 (1 male)
 Indigo Bunting 7-2 (1 male)
 Pine Siskin 7-12 (1); 7-24 (2); 7-29 (1); 7-30 (1); 7-31 (5)
 Chipping Sparrow 7-10 (4); 7-24 (32)

Observations at Rocky Mountain Arsenal for July 1976, Randy Fairbanks reporting:

Wood Duck 7-21 (1 male)
 Swainson's Hawk 7-9 (80 immatures feeding on grasshoppers)
 Sage Thrasher 7-14 (1)
 Grasshopper Sparrow 7-2 (3); 7-14 (2)
 Cassin's Sparrow 7-2 (1); 7-14 (1)
 Brewer's Sparrow 7-2 (5); 7-14 (4)

Other Individual Reports:

Rufous Hummingbird 7-27 (2), Franktown (Mildred Snyder)
 Indigo Bunting 7-19 (1), south of Parker (Mildred Snyder)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7-3 (1), Red Rocks Park (Helen Stiles)

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CORNELL NEST RECORDS

Nancy Hurley diligently collects and processes Cornell Nest Record cards for the Denver Field Ornithologists each year. If you have some nests you have watched this summer, please ask her for cards and return them to her. Her address is 1875 South Adams, Denver, Colorado 80210. Telephone: 757-0837. She has summarized the 1975 nest cards. A total of 254 cards were turned in last year. Of that group, Mildred Snyder sent in 64, Carol Hack 53 and Joe Rigli 30. Dave McCargo turned in 34 nests he observed in Alaska with 3 in the Yukon. Most reported species were Tree Swallow (courtesy of 28 nests reported by Carol Hack) and Western Bluebird (with 25 Black Forest nests found by Mildred Snyder). Strangely, Denver had only one Robin nest reported! And only two House Sparrows and two House Finches! The Cornell Nest Record Program is assembling information on nesting of all North American birds. By collecting data from all over the country and computerizing it, they hope to provide usable research material on nesting throughout the country for use by researchers.

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1976: Trip to the Alfred M. Bailey Nesting Area. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Pancake House in Silverthorne, Colorado. Route to Silverthorne, near the Dillon Dam, is I-70 from Denver to Exit 39. For further information call Ed Curry in Colorado Springs at 634-7303.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976: Trip to Crow Valley Park and Pawnee National Grasslands to look for Smith's Longspurs. Meet at Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (located on Colorado Highway #14 in Weld County) at 7:00 A.M.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1976

SEPTEMBER

- 4, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir and Latham Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall. Meet at Voyager Inn Motel at I-70 and Chambers Road at 6:00 A.M. *
- 5, Sunday. Guanella Pass area. Leader: Bill Brockner. Meet at Public Service Company parking lot in Evergreen at 8:00 A.M. *
- 9, Thursday. "Meandering". Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M. Lunch is optional.
- 11, Saturday. SIXTH ANNUAL BBMPH (Barr, Banner, Mile High, Prospect and Horsecreek) FALL CENSUS. Contact the following leaders for details:
Barr Lake: Bob Andrews 756-5553
Banner Lakes: Sophia Bogert 364-5294 (call after 10 P.M.)
Mile High Duck Club and Vaille Reservoir: Harold Holt 429-1698
Prospect Reservoir: Paul Julian 499-9107
Horsecreek Reservoir: Joe Roller 935-7149
- 12, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.
- 18, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at Waterton Bridge at 8:00 A.M. *
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- 25, Saturday. Crook (Tamarack Ranch), Red Lion and Jumbo Reservoir. Leader: Ray Olson. Camping available at Jumbo Reservoir. Motels at Sterling and Julesburg. Call leader for final details at 424-6823.
- 26, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *

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ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS:

The following two sightings were inadvertently left out of the May 1976 summaries:

LITTLE BLUE HERON 5-31 (2 adults) about 4 miles north of the junction of I-76 and Kersey Road, Weld County (Harold Holt). #

Cattle Egret 5-31 (1), Latham Reservoir (Harold Holt).

Pending acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

"Yes, Virginia - There is a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker" by James Tate, Jr., Ph.D.

OCTOBER MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M. (*weather discouraging*
no transportation)

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AUGUST 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- JULY X 31, Saturday and Sunday. Northeast Colorado: Muir Springs, Prewitt, Sterling and
AUGUST 1, Jumbo Reservoirs and Red Lion State Wildlife Area. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observer: Christine Bonney. (Saturday: warm morning; partly cloudy to overcast in afternoon; thundershowers Saturday night. Sunday: overcast, rainy). 352 miles. (63 species)
- AUGUST 1, Sunday. Louviers and Jackson Creek. Leaders: Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper. (Sunny; 70°-80°). 59 miles, 6 hours. (41 species)
- 7, Saturday. North Central Colorado: Castlewood Canyon, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Boulder and Eldora. Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms; Wind, SW, 12-18 MPH; 60°-95°). 306 miles, 14 hours. (91 species)
- 7, Saturday. Reed property (Upper Bear Creek) and Mount Evans Elk Management Area. Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp. (Fair; warm). 71 miles, 7½ hours. (34 species)
- 8, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observer: John Leonard. (Fair; warm). 4 hours. (33 species)
- 14, Saturday. Southeast Colorado: Pueblo, Ordway, Cheraw, Rocky Ford, Colorado Springs and Castlewood Canyon. Observers: Carolyn and Daye Griffiths, Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SE, 12-18 MPH; 49°-95°). 417 miles, 15 hours. (100 species)
- 14, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Ward and Margo Chadwick, A. L. and Ann Grant, Carl and Arline Parker, Floyd Pendell, Warner and Ruth Reeser, Vito Tursi. (Clear to partly cloudy; warm). 32 miles, 8 hours. (28 species)
- 15, Sunday. Genessee Mountain Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observer: Barbara Jubrias. (Clear; warm). 40 miles. (21 species)
- 21, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon. Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman. Observers: Merle Barbour, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Esther Ditmer, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock. (Clear to partly cloudy). 69 miles, 8½ hours. (45 species)
- 22, Sunday. Northeast Colorado: Muir Springs, Prewitt Reservoir to Red Lion State Wildlife Area. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observers: None. (Clear; thunderstorms in afternoon; 65°-90°). 7 hours. (46 species)
- X 28, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Jo Trainor. Observers: Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Joan Dunham, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Floyd Pendell, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Margaret Sikes, Tom and Helen Singer, Bob Spencer, Ted Trainor. (Clear; Calm; 60°-80°). 6 hours. (61 species)
- 29, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. TRIP CANCELLED.

JULY	31											
AUGUST	1	1	7	7	8	14	14	15	21	22	28	
Saw-whet Owl			1									
Common Nighthawk	3	2				3						
White-throated Swift					1							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		5	38	7	3	3	3	5	3		1	
Rufous Hummingbird		1	1		1							
Belted Kingfisher			1			2			1	1	3	
Common Flicker												
"Red-shafted" race	3	1	3	1	5	2			7	6	2	
Red-headed Woodpecker	4					9				3		
Lewis' Woodpecker		1	1			3						
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							1					
Williamson's Sapsucker				5			3	5				
Hairy Woodpecker			1									
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1						2	3	2	
eastern races						1						
Eastern Kingbird	32	2	22			10				19	3	
Western Kingbird	25	3	84			128			5	2	3	
Say's Phoebe			5			2						
"Empidonax"						1		3			1	
Hammond's Flycatcher				1								
Western Flycatcher								4				
Western Pewee			3	2	1	6	4		2		3	
Olive-sided Flycatcher				2		1						
Horned Lark			11			28			8		3	
Violet-green Swallow			2	1	9	2	5				2	
Tree Swallow				1			3					
Bank Swallow			6			32						
Rough-winged Swallow		4	3			8						
Barn Swallow	35	10	177	18	1	210			5	6	20	
Cliff Swallow	8		525		12	14						
Gray Jay							2					
Blue Jay	4	3								10		
Steller's Jay			4	5		1	9	4	1			
Scrub Jay			3		11				2		4	
Black-billed Magpie	5	4	22	4	8	16	3		8	8	1	
Northern Raven							4	4				
White-necked Raven						2						
American Crow		41	1	2								
Clark's Nutcracker							22					
Black-capped Chickadee	4	5		2	2	1				12	7	
Mountain Chickadee			8	9		5	8	34				
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	2		1		5				
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1			1	1	4	1	1	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch			1	7		7		17				
Brown Creeper							2	4				
House Wren	3	2	2	1	7		1			5		
Marsh Wren	1											
Canyon Wren			1		10							
Rock Wren	1										3	
Northern Mockingbird	1					5						
Gray Catbird		2	2		6	1					1	
Brown Thrasher	10					3				7		
American Robin	4	15	11	19	18	8	18	18	3	2	20	
Western Bluebird						2						
Mountain Bluebird		1	6	1		1	1					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher											1	
Water Pipit							30					
Cedar Waxwing											4	
Loggerhead Shrike			3			5			1			
European Starling	50	200	362	5		127			1		230	
Solitary Vireo		1										
"Plumbeous" race			2									
Red-eyed Vireo	1		1									
Virginia's Warbler					6		1	1			5	
Yellow Warbler			3		3						3	
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Audubon's" race							1	5				
Common Yellowthroat	15	1	2			8						
Yellow-breasted Chat					1	1						
Wilson's Warbler							1				1	
American Redstart											2	
House Sparrow	30	9	275	4	1	207			1		2	
Western Meadowlark	2	5	14		5	9			7	2	1	
Yellow-headed Blackbird						5						

JULY	31											
AUGUST	1	1	7	7	8	14	14	15	21	22	28	
Red-winged Blackbird	8	3	7	2		26			1			
Orchard Oriole	4											
Northern Oriole												
"Bullock's" race	5	1			9					11	1	
Brewer's Blackbird		2	4	3					11		7	
Common Grackle	4		85			112					3	
Brown-headed Cowbird	4					9						
Western Tanager					1		1	3			4	
Black-headed Grosbeak					1						2	
Blue Grosbeak						4						
Lazuli Bunting											5	
Evening Grosbeak					3			1			12	
House Finch		9	26		17	63			48		3	
Brown-capped Rosy Finch							7					
Pine Siskin		3	19	5	8	26	15	18	15		3	
American Goldfinch	4	9	2			1			11		5	
Lesser Goldfinch		13	27		4	7			8		23	
Green-tailed Towhee		1										
Rufous-sided Towhee		2			9						9	
"Spotted" race			6			1						
Lark Bunting	12		350			22						
Savannah Sparrow	1											
Grasshopper Sparrow	1											
Vesper Sparrow		1	5			1			4			
Lark Sparrow	6		37			14		1	5			
Gray-headed Junco				1			10	3				
Chipping Sparrow		2	12	2	10	26		11	81		25	
White-crowned Sparrow							6					
Lincoln's Sparrow				2								
Song Sparrow		3							1	2		
TOTALS-161 SPECIES	63	41	91	34	33	100	28	21	45	46	61	

CORRECTION!!! Last month's issue of the Lark Bunting erroneously listed one Red-eyed Vireo on the July 10th trip to South Park. Please change to show one Warbling Vireo instead.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: (* subject to acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee)

Observations at Barr Lake State Park for August 1976, Bob Andrews reporting:

- White Pelican Up to 80 all month.
- Snowy Egret 8-23 (1)
- Wood Duck 8-12 (1 male); 8-16 (1 male); 8-21 (1 male)
- Turkey Vulture 8-14 (1)
- Semipalmated Plover 8-6 (1); 8-23 (5)
- Black-bellied Plover 8-21 (1)
- Long-billed Curlew 8-24 (1); 8-23 (4)
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER* 8-22 through 8-24 (1)
- Screech Owl 8-8 (2, calling at midday)
- Ash-throated Flycatcher 8-8 (1); 8-28 (1)
- Willow Flycatcher 8-28 (1)
- Least Flycatcher 8-28 (1)
- Western Flycatcher 8-27 (1)
- Olive-sided Flycatcher 8-8 (1)
- Canyon Wren 8-22 (1)
- Brown Thrasher 8-28 (1)
- Sage Thrasher 8-8 (1); 8-21 (1); 8-23 (1)
- Cedar Waxwing 8-27 (1)
- Red-eyed Vireo 8-27 (4); 8-28 (1)
- Orange-crowned Warbler 8-21 (1); 8-27 (1); 8-28 (1)
- Townsend's Warbler 8-27 (2); 8-28 (4)
- Northern Waterthrush 8-27 (1)
- MacGillivray's Warbler 8-21 (3)
- Wilson's Warbler 8-21 (1)
- American Redstart 8-27 (3); 8-28 (3)
- Orchard Oriole 8-16 (1 female)
- Baird's Sparrow 8-8 (1)
- Clay-colored Sparrow 8-27 (1)

Other individual reports:

- Rufous Hummingbird 8-29 (1 male, 1 female), Franktown (Mildred Snyder)
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31, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon to Elizabeth. Leaders: Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. *

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 - 5, Sunday. Evergreen to Guanella Pass. Leaders: Sylvia and Winston William Brockner. Observers: Franklin D. Brockner (West Falls, New York), Elizabeth Jackson (Elma, New York), Dick and Janet Sherwood. (Clear). (33 species)
 - 9, Thursday. Waterton, Marston Reservoir and other nearby lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock. (Clear; warm). 40 miles, 8 hours. (71 species)
 - 11, Saturday. 6th ANNUAL FALL COUNT
Banner Lakes: Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observers: Christine Bonney, Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux. 10 miles, 7 hours. (59 species)
Barr Lake: Leader: Bob Andrews. Observers: Tom Gatz, Tom Hollenbeck, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Jack Reddall, Steve, Dianna and Joanie Reese, Mary Jane Schock and Bob Spencer. 13½ hours. (104 species)
Prospect Reservoir and vicinity: Leader: Paul Julian. 10 hours. (68 species)
Mile High Duck Club and Vaile Reservoir: Leader: Harold Holt. AREA CLOSED DUE TO TEAL HUNTING SEASON. NO COUNT TAKEN.
Horsecreek Reservoir: Leader: Joe Roller. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
 - 12, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Frances Campbell, Robert Glover, Gail Levine. (Fair; warm). 4 hours. (25 species)
 - 18, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Art and Carolyn Beck, John and Joyce Cooper, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Helen Plattner, Edna Clair Thomas, Helen Tripp. (Warm). 33 miles, 5½ hours. (49 species)
 - 19, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observer: Virginia Harris. (Rain, drizzle; overcast; 60°). 3 hours. (34 species)
 - 25, Saturday. Northeast Colorado: Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion Wildlife Area and Jumbo Reservoir. Leader: Ray Olson. Observers: Lori Chappell, Lois Webster. (Rain in morning; cloudy with showers in afternoon). 34½ miles, 8 hours. (72 species)
 - 26, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. TRIP CANCELLED.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jack D. Gulvin - 684 Moore, Lakewood, Colorado 80215
Elizabeth Jackson - 3701 East Florida Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80210

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!6th ANNUAL FALL COUNT !

SEPTEMBER	4	5	9	11	11	11	11	12	18	19	25
AREA	NCCO	GUAN	WRTN	BNLK	BARR	PROS		RRPK	W/C	BLDR	NECO
HABITAT	FTPL	MTNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	TOTL	FOOT	FTPL	PLNS	PLNS
Common Loon			1								
Horned Grebe						2 =	2				
Eared Grebe	2				4	2 =	6				1
Western Grebe	30		5		16	8 =	24		5		1
Pied-billed Grebe	7		20		4	12 =	16			8	5
American White Pelican	56				108	=	108				1
Double-crested Cormorant	15		1		2	8 =	10		23		12
Great Blue Heron	15		3		6	9 =	20			2	51
Green Heron										1	
Snowy Egret	8										
Black-crowned Night Heron	2			2	2	2 =	6			2	2
Canada Goose	70		10		2	18 =	18		25	100	85
Mallard	610	5	20		2	3000	50 = 3052		30	6	18
Gadwall	15					100	35 = 135				35
Common Pintail	58		2			7000	8 = 7008		3		4
Green-winged Teal	58		2		4	300	25 = 329				
Blue-winged Teal	34				18	3	75 = 96		62	50	
Cinnamon Teal	7										2
American Wigeon	150		6		10	500	15 = 525		24		6
Northern Shoveler	15		8			160	4 = 164				2
Redhead			4		1	2	8 = 11		3		2
Ring-necked Duck							2 = 2				6
Canvasback						1	= 1				
Lesser Scaup											1
Bufflehead			1								
Ruddy Duck	45					8	35 = 43				
Turkey Vulture	2	4	6								
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1				1	= 1				
Cooper's Hawk						1	= 1		1		
"Buteo"				2			= 2				
Red-tailed Hawk			2		2	1 =	3		1		6
"Western" race	3										
Swainson's Hawk	26				3	2	2 = 7				4
Ferruginous Hawk	1										1
Golden Eagle			2					1	1		
Northern Harrier	3				1	1	1 = 3		1		3
Prairie Falcon		1				1	1 = 2		2		
Peregrine Falcon											1 ad
American Kestrel	11		20		1	9	3 = 13		1	8	1
Common Bobwhite											24
Ring-necked Pheasant	2					2	4 = 6				25
Sandhill Crane						2	= 2				
Sora	2										
American Coot	80		2000		77	78	55 = 210		1500	50	150
American Avocet	11				1		= 1				
Semipalmated Plover						3	= 3				
Killdeer	268		25		33	68	120 = 221			10	26
Black-bellied Plover						2	= 2				
Greater Yellowlegs	1				5	2	3 = 10				2
Lesser Yellowlegs	28		6		1	6	12 = 19		1	1	6
Solitary Sandpiper	4		4		1	1	= 2				
Spotted Sandpiper	1		4			1	= 1				
Ruddy Turnstone						2	= 2				
Wilson's Phalarope	11										
Northern Phalarope	2										6
RED PHALAROPE*						1	= 1				
Common Snipe	5				1		= 1			15	12
Long-billed Dowitcher	150						1 = 1				6
Sanderling						9	= 9				
Semipalmated Sandpiper					1	2	= 3				
Western Sandpiper	3					9	= 9				
Least Sandpiper	56				1	12	1 = 14				10
Sandpiper ("peep")-?										6	
Baird's Sandpiper	10				5	50	8 = 63				4
Pectoral Sandpiper						3	= 3				6
Stilt Sandpiper						10	= 10				

SEPTEMBER	4	5	9	11	11	11	11	12	18	19	25
JAEGER (sp.-?)*					1	=	1				
California Gull	1				20	7	=	27			
Ring-billed Gull	172	1	40	28	10	15	=	53	3	25	400
Franklin's Gull	79		10		200		=	200	75	300	20
Forster's Tern	15		10						2		
Black Tern			5								
Rock Dove	35		70	6			=	6	20	7	
Mourning Dove	90		35	39	68	150	=	257	2	1	55
Great Horned Owl				1	2		=	3			3
Burrowing Owl	1										
Saw-whet Owl	3										
Common Nighthawk					8		=	8			
White-throated Swift									15	5	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2	2									
Belted Kingfisher	1		3	1	2	1	=	4	3	1	6
Common Flicker											
"Red-shafted" race	2	1	5		40		=	40	2	16	8
Lewis' Woodpecker									1		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1									
Hairy Woodpecker		1	1		1		=	1			1
"Rocky Mountain" race	2										
Downy Woodpecker	1				11		=	11	4		5
Eastern Kingbird	5				1		=	1			
Western Kingbird	23		14		1	3	=	4			
Say's Phoebe	2		7		1	2	=	3	1		
"Empidonax"			1	1	5	1	=	7			
Western Flycatcher				1			=	1			
Western Pewee	3		12	1	5	1	=	7	5		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2				10		=	10	2		
Horned Lark	6	1			1	75	=	76			20
Violet-green Swallow	1		40								
Tree Swallow	1										
Bank Swallow	5										
Rough-winged Swallow	1										
Barn Swallow	425		200	34	27	250	=	311	2	3	200
Cliff Swallow	3			3			=	3			
Gray Jay		3									
Blue Jay			1		2		=	2			
Steller's Jay	1	3									
Scrub Jay	23								2	2	1
Black-billed Magpie	21	10	8	3	28		=	31	7	12	10
Northern Raven		4									4
American Crow	3		1							3	1
Pinyon Jay		14									
Clark's Nutcracker		4									
Black-capped Chickadee	4		6		24		=	24	3	58	2
Mountain Chickadee	8	6									12
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	2			3		=	3	2		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4		1	1	2	1	=	4			
Pygmy Nuthatch	20	4									
Brown Creeper					2		=	2		1	
House Wren	2			2	7	3	=	12		1	
Canyon Wren	1								3		
Rock Wren	1				4	2	=	6	1		
Gray Catbird	3		2		1		=	1	1		
Brown Thrasher					1		=	1			
Sage Thrasher	6		1			1	=	1			
American Robin	3	9	3	7	1	4	=	12	20	15	4
Swainson's Thrush				1	2	1	=	4			10
Mountain Bluebird	18										1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1	1	1	=	3			2
Water Pipit		2			5		=	5			
Cedar Waxwing										4	
Loggerhead Shrike	3			1		1	=	2			
European Starling	267		75	10	144	70	=	224	31	50	70
Solitary Vireo						1	=	1			
"Blue-headed" race									2		
"Plumbeous" race	4										
Red-eyed Vireo				1		1	=	2			
Warbling Vireo				1	2		=	3			
Orange-crowned Warbler				1	8	5	=	14		1	2
Virginia's Warbler	1		7		1		=	1	2	13	

16th ANNUAL FALL COUNT !												
SEPTEMBER	4	5	9	11	11	11	11	12	18	19	25	
Yellow-rumped Warbler						2 =	2 !					
"Myrtle" race					1	=	1 !					
"Audubon's" race			1 !		2	=	2 !			2	1	
Black-throated Gray Warbler											1	
Townsend's Warbler					5	1 =	6 !					
Black-throated Green Warbler					2	=	2 !					
Ovenbird					1	=	1 !					
MacGillivray's Warbler		1			3	=	3 !		1		4	
Common Yellowthroat	3		1 !	6	6	6 =	18 !					
Yellow-breasted Chat			2 !								1	
Wilson's Warbler	2	1	9 !	5	54	35 =	94 !		19		14	
American Redstart					1	=	1 !					
House Sparrow	68	10	2 !	23	12	12 =	47 !			30	22	
<u>EASTERN MEADOWLARK*</u>											2	
Western Meadowlark	21		6 !	4	9	35 =	48 !	2	3	5	32	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2		20 !	7		4 =	11 !				15	
Red-winged Blackbird	1		2 !	128	36	250 =	414 !			20	325	
Northern Oriole												
"Bullock's" race						1 =	1 !					
Brewer's Blackbird	78											
Common Grackle	7		2 !								12	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		4 !									
Western Tanager			2 !	1	4	=	5 !					
Black-headed Grosbeak			2 !	1	2	=	3 !		2			
Blue Grosbeak			1 !									
Lazuli Bunting					1	1 =	2 !					
Evening Grosbeak		10								4		
House Finch	6		115 !	10		=	10 !	10	2	10		
Pine Siskin	19	2	1 !						33			
American Goldfinch	1		1 !		1	=	1 !	1	9		24	
Lesser Goldfinch	15		10 !					1				
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1			4	=	4 !					
Rufous-sided Towhee			2 !		2	=	2 !	8	16		6	
"Spotted" race	11											
Lark Bunting	29	1		1		6 =	7 !					
Savannah Sparrow	1			1	3	=	4 !				10	
Vesper Sparrow	28	1	1 !	3	12	150 =	165 !		4	4	34	
Lark Sparrow	7		3 !	2	9	3 =	14 !					
Northern Junco								3				
Gray-headed Junco		12										
"Spizella"						15 =	15 !					
Chipping Sparrow	20	2	4 !	7	44	=	51 !	3	15	20	15	
Clay-colored Sparrow	2		1 !									
Brewer's Sparrow			4 !		4	=	4 !					
White-crowned Sparrow		10		1		=	1 !		5		12	
Lincoln's Sparrow		1			1	=	1 !					
Song Sparrow			1 !	1		4 =	5 !			2	2	
TOTALS - 175 SPECIES	106	33	71 !	59	104	68	124 !	25	49	34	72	

* Pending Acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: (* Pending Acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee)

Observations at Barr Lake State Park for September 1976, Bob Andrews reporting:

Horned Grebe 9-25 (1)

White Pelican up to 115 all month

Yellow-crowned Night Heron 9-25 (1)

White-faced Ibis 9-25 (15)

Sharp-shinned Hawk 9-17 (1); 9-20 (1); 9-27 (1)

Cooper's Hawk 9-27 (1)

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK* 9-27 (1 immature)

Red-tailed Hawk (Krider's race) 9-20 (1)

Peregrine Falcon 9-25 (1)

Sandhill Crane 9-25 (3)

Ruddy Turnstone 9-11 through 9-14 (1 or 2); reported on fall count.

RED PHALAROPE* 9-11 through 9-14 (1 in winter plumage); reported on fall count.

PARASITIC JAEGER* 9-17 through 9-25 (1 immature)

Common Screech Owl 9-25 (1 heard)

Poor-will 9-27 (1)

Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 9-17 (1); 9-20 (1)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ("Red-naped" race) 9-20 (1 male)

Western Pewee 9-27 (1)

Scrub Jay 9-25 (1)

Mountain Chickadee 9-27 (1)

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Observations at Barr Lake State Park continued: - - - - -

Pygmy Nuthatch 9-4 (1)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-25 (2)
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-13 through 9-25 (1 male)
Magnolia Warbler 9-27 (1)
Lazuli Bunting 9-27 (1)

Other Individual Reports:

Cattle Egret 9-21 (4), Sloan's Lake, Denver (Patty Echelmeyer)
Green Heron 9-23 (1), Wheatridge (Patty Echelmeyer)
Cooper's Hawk 9-7 (1), 16th and Williams, Denver (Kathy Hawkins); 9-10 (1), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).
Poor-will 9-27 (1), 16th and Williams, Denver (Kathy Hawkins).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-2 (2), Franktown (Mildred Snyder).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9-18 (1 banded), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).
Western Kingbird 9-29 (1), Colorado Springs (Patty Echelmeyer).
Western Flycatcher 9-23 (1 banded), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).
Solitary Vireo (Blue-headed race) 9-10 (1), Evergreen (Edna Clair Thomas).
Red-eyed Vireo 9-10 (1), Evergreen (Edna Clair Thomas).
Black-and-White Warbler 9-14 (1), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).
Nashville Warbler 9-30 (1), Evergreen (Edna Clair Thomas).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-15 and 9-16 (1 pair), Berthoud (Camille Cummings).
Bay-breasted Warbler 9-30 (1 banded), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).
Ovenbird 9-17 (1 immature-?), Wheatridge (Patty Echelmeyer).
Summer Tanager 9-24 (1 banded), Aurora (Mildred Snyder).
Clay-colored Sparrow 9-7 (1), Evergreen (Edna Clair Thomas).

Bob Andrews also reports a flock of 42 Pinyon Jays at Crescent (Jefferson County) on 9-26.
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1976

NOVEMBER

- 6, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton. **Leader:** Bob Spencer. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 7, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. **Leader:** Sophia Bogart. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
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- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. **Leader:** Don Thatcher. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day trip)
- 20, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. **Leader:** Mary Jane Schock. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 21, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (walking trip). **Leader:** Nancy Hurley. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:00 A.M. *
- 27, Saturday. Pueblo area. **Leader:** Dave Griffiths. Meet at Ramada Inn North in Pueblo at 8:30 A.M. *
- 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. **Leader:** Kathryn Whipple. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. Meet leader at west gate to reservoir at 8:30 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day plus - lunch optional).

EXTRA TRIP! October 30 and 31 to Grand Junction area for Whistling Swans. **Leader:** Sophia Bogart. Call 364-5294 after 10:00 P.M. for details.

* Bring Lunch

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NOVEMBER MEETING: NOVEMBER 23, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- OCTOBER
- 2, Saturday. North Denver area: Sloan's Lake, reservoirs and lakes to Standley Lake (south shore). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Juanita Craig, Warren Finch, Marguerite Brockmeyer. (Fair, warm in afternoon; little wind). 36 miles. (32 species)
 - 3, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leaders: Kathryn and Ken Whipple. Observers: Nancy Jones, Charles Kangas. (High thin clouds in morning; cloudy with strong winds in afternoon). 3 miles, 7 hours. (31 species)
 - 9, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch. Leader: Ward Chadwick. Observers: Doris Anderson, Margo Chadwick, Joyce and John Cooper, Nancy Hurley, Nancy Jones, Chuck Kangas, Nancy Konvalinka, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Floyd Pendell, Helen Platner, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Singer, Becky and Garland Truitt, Nancy Zavitz. (Mild; sunny). 8 miles, 4 hours. (45 species)
 - 10, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Fred Hagar, John and Nadine Lightburn, Robert Pahl, Rebecca Spangler. (Fair; warm). 3 hours. (19 species)
 - 16, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek: Sloan's Lake, Maple Grove Reservoir, southwest Denver lakes to Morrison. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Roger DeVries, Laura Johnson, Dorothea Maryea, Thompson Marsh, Hazel Kellogg, Wayne Wathen, Ruth Wheeler, Helen Tripp. (Clear; cool; calm). 57 miles, 7½ hours. (43 species)
 - 17, Sunday. Boulder area and Union Reservoir. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Lori Chappell, Chuck Kangas, Nancy Zavitz. (Clear; calm in morning; windy in afternoon; 45°-70°). 7 hours. (47 species)
 - 23, Saturday. North Central Colorado: Denver to Boulder, Longmont (Union Reservoir), Platteville (Latham Reservoir), Prospect Valley (Prospect Reservoir), Mile High Duck Club and Cherry Creek Reservoir. Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear becoming partly cloudy; wind: calm becoming WNW 12-18 MPH; 40°-62°). 199 miles, 11½ hours. (74 species)
 - 23, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Jo Trainor. Observers: Warren Finch, Barbara Jubrias, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; calm; cool). 7 hours. (41 species)
 - 24, Sunday. Antero Reservoir and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observers: Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Dave McCargo. (35 species)
 - 30, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Roger DeVries, Chuck Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Mary Robinson, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy; cool). 6 hours. (25 species)
 - 31, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon and Elizabeth. Leaders: Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Robert Glover. (Clear; sunny). 5½ hours. (22 species)

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

On Saturday, December 4, 1976, the Denver Audubon Society will present an unprecedented exhibit of nature and wildlife paintings by more than a dozen national and regional artists specializing in this medium. The occasion is the Second Annual Denver Audubon Society Wildlife Art Show and Sale, to be held December 4 through 12, 1976 in the Horticulture Hall at the Denver Botanic Gardens, located at 9th and York Streets, Denver, Colorado. Viewing hours will be from 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

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NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip leaders and observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of acceptable "forms" and subspecies was published in the February 1976 issue (Volume 11, Number 6).

OCTOBER	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	23	24	30	31
AREA	NDEN	CKKR	KCR	RRPK	LBCK	BLDR	NCCO	W/C	MVWR	PNG	CW/E
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FTPL	FTPL	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FTPL
Common Loon							2				
Arctic Loon							2				
Horned Grebe	1				1	200	325				
Eared Grebe					1		16				
Western Grebe	12	27			2	50	1050	4			
Pied-billed Grebe	6	1	1		5	10	8	6			
American White Pelican							25				
Double-crested Cormorant								5			
Great Blue Heron						2	4	2	2		
Whistling Swan									2		
Canada Goose	100				244	400	780		10	14	
Mallard	75	8	19		51	100	1354	12		400	
Gadwall	125		16		44	5	238	1	10		
Common Pintail					20		4	1	10		
"Teal"-sp.-?						6			25		
Green-winged Teal							2	2			
Blue-winged Teal							3				
American Wigeon	4		15		22	150	486	800	55		
Northern Shoveler	1		2		20		20				
Wood Duck								1			
Redhead	255		2		270	1500	480	500	25		
Ring-necked Duck					6		34	5			
Canvasback							27		5		
Lesser Scaup	15		1		10			1			
Common Goldeneye							6				
Bufflehead							18	3			
BLACK SCOTER*							2				
Ruddy Duck	557		-1			50	65				
"Accipiter"-sp.-?								1			
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1		1		1		
Cooper's Hawk					1						
"Buteo"-sp.-?			1					1			
Red-tailed Hawk		4			2	4			8		
"Western" race							1				
Rough-legged Hawk									5	8	
Ferruginous Hawk							1			1	
Golden Eagle			1				1 Im		3	1	
Northern Harrier	1	3	1				6		6		
Prairie Falcon			1	1						1	
American Kestrel	1		2		1	2	5		6	1	4
Ring-necked Pheasant		7					2		1		
Whooping Crane									2 ad		
Sandhill Crane							2		5000		
Virginia Rail		3									
American Coot	1524	75	12		148	200	130	2000	20		
American Avocet							1				
Killdeer		1			3	25	9	5	2		
Black-bellied Plover										4	
Long-billed Curlew									10		
Greater Yellowlegs						2					
Lesser Yellowlegs						2					
Solitary Sandpiper	1										
Spotted Sandpiper	1										
Common Snipe						1		2			
Long-billed Dowitcher										2	
Least Sandpiper							1				
Herring Gull						4	1				
Ring-billed Gull	50	75			290	200	2017	43	100	35	
LAUGHING GULL*							1				
Franklin's Gull	2	250			5	200	29				
Bonaparte's Gull						1	2				
Common Tern							1				
Rock Dove			54	50	61	50	286				12
Mourning Dove	4	12							8	4	
Great Horned Owl									1	1	
White-throated Swift			6	12							
Belted Kingfisher	2				1	2		3			

OCTOBER	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	23	24	30	31
Common Flicker											
"Red-shafted" race	2	4	13	1	14	4	7	3		6	3
Hairy Woodpecker			1							1	1
Downy Woodpecker						1		1			
Horned Lark		2	10				135		300	600	4
Rough-winged Swallow		7									
Barn Swallow	2	5									
Blue Jay						1					
Steller's Jay			5		6	1	17				2
Scrub Jay			7	1	2						1
Black-billed Magpie	12	20	8	4	11	25	35	10		12	29
Northern Raven			5						7		
American Crow			40			30	60	104		23	1
Pinyon Jay									1		
Black-capped Chickadee		5	4	5	13	15	3	16	1		5
Mountain Chickadee				1	1	20	6				3
White-breasted Nuthatch					2	3					5
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1				
Pygmy Nuthatch											15
Brown Creeper				1		4	1				
North American Dipper					1			2			
Canyon Wren			1	4							
Rock Wren			1								
American Robin	25		17	20	14	15	9	9		35	6
Hermit Thrush							1				
Mountain Bluebird			9								
Townsend's Solitaire			1	2				4		1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1	1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1		1		2	2				
Water Pipit							16				
Northern Shrike							2				
Loggerhead Shrike								2-?			
European Starling			26		95	150	705	4		30	34
Solitary Vireo								1			
Warbling Vireo		1									
Nashville Warbler							1				
Black-throated Blue Warbler						1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5										
"Myrtle" race						5		1			
"Audubon's" race		5	2		4	15	2	1	4		
Townsend's Warbler								1			
Wilson's Warbler		1									
House Sparrow	12		24		11	20	86			4	5
Western Meadowlark	3	8	10		2	10	36	1	30	50	6
Red-winged Blackbird	27	200			5	300	61		50		
Brewer's Blackbird	3		8				25				
Common Grackle	2	1					2				
Evening Grosbeak						4	3				
House Finch	6	25	7	6	3	7	18				3
Pine Siskin			35				2		20		
American Goldfinch		8					11		25		
Lesser Goldfinch			8								
Rufous-sided Towhee			2	3							
Vesper Sparrow	3	2									
Northern Junco											
"White-winged" race			1			1					
"Slate-colored" race					1	15	2				
"Oregon" race				2	3	10	13	5			5
Gray-headed Junco			5	5	4		6				2
American Tree Sparrow								2		18	
Chipping Sparrow		2	16		1	3					
Brewer's Sparrow			7								
White-crowned Sparrow		5	29	7			11	35	12	2	2
Song Sparrow		4	16	1	1	4	4	2	4		1
Lapland Longspur										7	
TOTALS-122 SPECIES	32	31	45	19	43	47	74	41	35	25	22

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Common Loon 10-9 (1) Union Reservoir (VR); 10-10 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-23 (8) Lathrop State Park (CH, KH); 10-25 (2) Antero Reservoir (CH, KH)
 Arctic Loon 10-22 & 10-23 (1) Sloan's Lake (RA, VR)
 RED-THROATED LOON* 10-27 (1) Sloan's Lake (VR, JC and m.ob)

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 Black-crowned Night Heron 10-14 (3 imm.) south Denver (KH)
 American Bittern 10-19 (1) Bonny Reservoir (VR)
 Greater White-fronted Goose 10-10 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Snow Goose ("white" form) 10-7 & 10-8 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-16 thru 10-23 (2) Barr Lake (RA)
 Ross' Goose 10-20 (1) Lake Henry (VR); 10-30 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JR)
HARLEQUIN DUCK* 10-24 (1 female) Barr Lake (RA)
Surf Scoter 10-27 (1) Sloan's Lake (VR, JC and m.ob)
BLACK SCOTER* 10-12 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (VR, JR)
 Hooded Merganser 10-28 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (VR)
 Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's" race) 10-25 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-28 thru 10-30 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Bald Eagle 10-17 (1 adult) Bonny Reservoir (JR, VR)
 Virginia Rail 10-23 (1) Lathrop State Park (CH, KH)
 Semipalmated Plover 10-16 (1) Jumbo Reservoir (VR)
 Lesser Golden Plover 10-17 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-28 (2) Barr Lake (RA)
 Black-bellied Plover (Up to 11 all month) Barr Lake (RA); 10-31 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Greater Yellowlegs 10-28 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Northern Phalarope 10-16 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (VR)
 Long-billed Dowitcher 10-31 (13) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Sanderling 10-23 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Western Sandpiper 10-24 (4) Barr Lake (RA)
 Least Sandpiper 10-31 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Baird's Sandpiper 10-28 (2) Barr Lake (RA)
 Pectoral Sandpiper 10-25 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Stilt Sandpiper 10-16 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife Area (VR)
 Common Screech Owl 10-16 (1) Tamarack Ranch (VR); 10-30 (1) Muir Springs Park (JR)
 Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 10-7 (2) Barr Lake (RA)
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 10-18 & 10-19 Bonny Reservoir (VR)
 Red-headed Woodpecker 10-20 (1 imm.) Two Buttes Reservoir (VR)
 Great Crested Flycatcher 10-1 (1) Green Mountain (ME)
 Eastern Phoebe 10-24 (1) Cherry Creek Village (JR)
 Tree Swallow 10-25 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Barn Swallow 10-25 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Mountain Chickadee (Very high numbers on plains this fall); e.g. 10-7 (14); 10-17 (15); 10-23 (14);
 10-30 (16) all Barr Lake sightings (RA). Reported as far east as Muir Springs Park 10-30 (3) (JR)
 Winter Wren 10-23 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-25 (1) Evergreen (ET)
 Rock Wren 10-16 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Brown Thrasher 10-25 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Eastern Bluebird 10-19 (6) Arikaree River, Yuma County (VR); 10-30 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet (Substantial numbers on plains this fall); e.g. 10-19 (9) Barr Lake (RA);
 10-23 (7) Barr Lake (RA)
 Cedar Waxwing 10-14 (3) Waterton (VR)
 Northern Shrike 10-12 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Solitary Vireo ("Blue-headed" race) 10-9 (1) Boulder (VR)
 Red-eyed Vireo 10-20 (1) Rocky Ford (VR)
 Black-and-White Warbler 10-9 (1) Boulder (VR)
 Orange-crowned Warbler 10-9 (1) Boulder (VR); 10-9 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 Nashville Warbler (Widespread on plains this fall); e.g. 10-16 (3) Tamarack Ranch (VR); 10-17 (1)
 Barr Lake (RA); 10-17 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir (VR, JR); 10-18 (1) Boulder (VR); 10-28 (1) Barr
 Lake (RA)
CAPE MAY WARBLER* 10-31 (1) Boulder (RA)
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-7 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-17 (1) Evergreen (WB)
 Bay-breasted Warbler 10-3 (1) Aurora (MS)
 Ovenbird 10-2 (1) Lakewood (PE)
 MacGillivray's Warbler (1) Evergreen (ET)
 Wilson's Warbler 10-27 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 American Redstart 10-17 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 Rusty Blackbird 10-31 (1) Clear Creek Greenbelt (PR)
 Scarlet Tanager 10-19 (1 female) Bonny Reservoir (VR)
 Black-headed Grosbeak 10-10 (1) Evergreen (ET)
PURPLE FINCH* 10-18 (2) Boulder (VR); 10-30 (2) Barr Lake (RA)
Cassin's Finch 10-20 (2 males) Two Buttes Reservoir (VR)
 American Tree Sparrow 10-15 (1) Briggsdale (VR)
 Harris' Sparrow 10-16 (3) Tamarack Ranch (VR); 10-31 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
 White-throated Sparrow (Good numbers on plains this fall); e.g. 10-23 (8) Barr Lake (RA); 10-17
 (6) Bonny Reservoir (JR, VR); 10-12 (1) Evergreen (ET)
 Fox Sparrow 10-7 thru 10-10 (1 "rusty" race) Barr Lake (RA); 10-17 (1 "gray-headed" race/west
 coast) Barr Lake (RA); 10-25 (1 "rusty" race) Green Mountain (ME)
 Swamp Sparrow 10-18 (3) Bonny Reservoir (VR); 10-20 (3) Two Buttes Reservoir (VR); 10-23 (1 imm.)
 Barr Lake (RA); 10-24 (1) Evergreen (WB)
 Lincoln's Sparrow 10-28 (1) Barr Lake (RA)
 McCown's Longspur 10-28 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-30 (4) Jackson Reservoir (JR)
 Lapland Longspur 10-16 (2) Red Lion State Wildlife Area (VR)
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 10-10 (1) Barr Lake (RA); 10-19 (1) Bonny Reservoir (VR); 10-28 (1)
 Chatfield Reservoir (VR)

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FOR ENJOYMENT, COMFORT, SAFETY OF EVERYONE

1. Wear shoes and clothing adaptable to weather and temperature changes, wind, rain and wet meadows.
2. Bring binoculars, field guide (Robbins, Peterson, Pough), notebook, pencil.
3. Check Lark Bunting for trip details.
4. Leave dog at home.
5. Arrive at meeting place on time with ample supply of gas and correctly set watch.
6. To hold caravan together, keep the car behind you in your rear-view mirror.
7. When stopping, pull well off road, turn motor off promptly, close doors quietly after leader leaves car.

TO PREVENT FLUSHING BIRDS

8. Do not "case" area before leader arrives.
9. Never precede leader on walk or in caravan.
10. Avoid early departure through area yet to be explored by group.
11. Avoid sudden or loud noises and sweeping gestures.

BIRD LISTENING IS AS IMPORTANT AS IS BIRD WATCHING

12. Avoid undue noises of voices and feet, car motors and doors.

PRACTICE GOOD CONSERVATION

13. "Take nothing but pictures, leave only your footprints".

STOP LOOK LISTEN LEARN SHARE

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS CHRISTMAS COUNT 1976

SCOUTING TRIPS: December 11 and 12, 1976. Unless specified otherwise, call Leaders for arrangements.

DECEMBER 11, SATURDAY:

Lower Bear Creek	<u>Leader:</u> Mary Jane Schock 922-3144
Bowmar	Tom Gatz 722-4006
Lower South Platte	Bob Andrews 756-5553 or Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
Highline Ditch	Judy Ward. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, SW corner, South Sheridan and Hampden.
Plum Creek	Ray Olson. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, SW corner, South Sheridan and Hampden.
Middle South Platte and Chatfield Reservoir	Dave Hutchinson, 936-3466 (work) or Hugh Kingery 333-0161.
Upper South Platte	Jerry Besser 985-4816
Lower Deer Creek Canyon	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
Indian Hills	Edna Claire Thomas 674-5345
Upper Bear Creek	Bill Brockner 674-4851
Ken Caryl Ranch	Sophia Bogart 364-5294 between 5 and 6 P.M. or after 10 P.M.
Willow Springs to Mt. Lindo	Reed Kelley 722-3559
Garrison Gate	Judd Sundine 756-1116
North Turkey Creek	Chuck Kangas 322-9929

SCOUTING TRIPS (continued):

DECEMBER 12, SUNDAY:

Red Rocks Park
Upper Deer Creek Canyon
Yegge Peak
Doublehead Mountain

Leader: Don Thatcher. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan.
Sue Merrick 573-6084
Nancy Hurley 757-0837
D. Jean Tate 423-9165

ON A WEEKDAY TO BE ARRANGED LATER:

Willow Creek
Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947

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DECEMBER 18, 1976, Saturday. DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT.

Count Leaders: Jo Trainor 770-1917 or Mary Jane Schock 922-3144. Call area leaders if you prefer their areas or call one of the count leaders if you would like to find an area which needs more counters. Compilation will be at 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center. Compilers: David Hutchinson and Hugh Kingery.

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. Red Rocks Park.	.Donald Thatcher 455-7479
2. Lower Bear Creek.	.Mary Jane Schock 922-3144
3. BowMar.	.Thomas Gatz 722-4006
4. Lower South Platte.	.Robert Andrews 756-5553 or Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
5. Highline Ditch.	.Judy Ward 377-4942
6. Plum Creek.	.Ray Olson 424-6823
7. Middle South Platte	.David Hutchinson 1-667-8413 or 936-3466 (work) <u>or</u> Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield Reservoir	.Paul Julian 499-9107
9. Upper South Platte.	.Jerry Besser 985-4816
10. Lower Deer Creek Canyon	.Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek.	.Susan Merrick 573-6084
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17. Ken Caryl Ranch	.Sophia Bogart 364-5294 between 5 and 6 P.M. or after 10 P.M.
18. Garrison Gate	.Judd Sundine 756-1116 and Mike and Pete Moulton
19. Willow Springs.	.Mildred Snyder 366-7610
20. Willow Creek.	.Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
21. Willow Springs to Mt. Lindo	.Reed Kelley 722-3559

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OTHER COUNTS:

DECEMBER 19, 1976, Sunday. EVERGREEN. . . .Bill Brockner 674-4851 or Mel Gable 674-6270
DECEMBER 19, 1976, Sunday. GREELEY. . . .Gretchen Cutts 2336 Sunset Lane, Greeley 80631
JANUARY 1 or 2, 1977 BONNY RESERVOIR. . . .Paul Julian 499-9107

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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

NOVEMBER 1976 FIELD TRIPS

- NOVEMBER
- 6, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Merle Barbour, Mickey Bidwell, Henry and Vi Bossman, Chuck Kangas, Thompson Marsh, Hazel Nelson, Mary Jane Schock, Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy; cool; mostly calm). 42 miles, 7½ hours. (45 species)
- 7, Sunday. Muir Springs Park and Prewitt Reservoir. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observer: Christine Bonney. 213 miles, 7½ hours. (40 species)
- 13, Saturday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Mark Janos, Thompson Marsh. (Overcast; fog; light snow; 20°-35°; lakes open). 7 hours. (58 species)
- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Jeff Cohen, Jack Gulvin, Warren Finch, Joseph Krieg. (Fair; cool). 3½ hours. (17 species)
- 20, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison. Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Merle Barbour, Jeff Cohen, Sharon Cohen, Chuck Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Mike Mahar, Dorothyea Mareya, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; chilling breeze; 29°-33°). 42½ miles, 8 hours. (35 species)
- 21, Sunday. Barr Lake. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Jeff Cohen, Warren Finch, Bob Glover, Fred Hager, Barbara Jubrias, Gail Levine, Edie Trimmer. (Mild). (32 species)
- 27, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leaders: Carolyn and Dave Griffiths. Observers: None. (Snowing; poor visibility in morning, clearing in afternoon). 35½ miles, 3 hours. (29 species)
- 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leaders: Ken and Kathryn Whipple. Observer: Chuck Kangas. (Clear; 6°-23°). 9 miles, 6 hours. (26 species)

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NOVEMBER	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28
AREA	W/C	MSPR	BLDR	RRPK	LBC	BARR	PUEB	CCKR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	FTPL	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
Common Loon		3						
Horned Grebe	1		35					
Eared Grebe			3					
Western Grebe			125			1		
Pied-billed Grebe			10					
Double-crested Cormorant	2	7						
Great Blue Heron	2							
Whistling Swan			3					
Canada Goose		150	200		93	75		350
Mallard	36		600		53	100	305	
Gadwall			25		8		1	
Common Pintail					6	13	8	
Green-winged Teal			1		10	4		
American Wigeon	246		300		81	18	143	
Northern Shoveler	2		100			186		
Redhead	200		75					55
Canvasback					1			
Lesser Scaup					2	7	22	
Common Goldeneye	3		250		1		12	5
Bufflehead	9	20	50		35			
White-winged Scoter			2					
Ruddy Duck	30		300					
Hooded Merganser			2					
Common Merganser			25				3	5
Red-breasted Merganser			5					
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1						
Cooper's Hawk				1				
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	1				2	1
Rough-legged Hawk	5	1	2			8	1	3
Ferruginous Hawk			1					2
Golden Eagle		1	1					
Bald Eagle		1						
Northern Harrier	4	1	2			2		
Prairie Falcon		1						
American Kestrel	2	1	3		2	2	1	
Common Bobwhite		3						
Ring-necked Pheasant						2		8
Virginia Rail		3						2
American Coot	507		80		4			17
Killdeer	4	1	2			3	1	2
Common Snipe	2				11			3
Long-billed Dowitcher	15							
Herring Gull		17	4					
Ring-billed Gull	78	267	300		6		26	50
Franklin's Gull			1					
Bonaparte's Gull							14	
Forster's Tern		7						
Rock Dove	3	3	20	100			235	
Mourning Dove	18							
Great Horned Owl								1
Long-eared Owl			6					
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	1		3		1	
Common Flicker								
"Yellow-shafted" race					3			
"Red-shafted" race	6	20	4	4	11	3	18	2
Downy Woodpecker	2		1			3		
Horned Lark	12					130		27
Blue Jay		5			3			
Steller's Jay			3		1			
Scrub Jay				4				
Black-billed Magpie	7	20	40	6	30	11	21	8
Northern Raven			1	2				
American Crow		211	200				5	
Black-capped Chickadee	21	27	25	8	52	3		2
Mountain Chickadee	1		15	1	6	3	11	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		1		3	2	7	
Brown Creeper			1	1	1	1	3	

NOVEMBER	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28
North American Dipper	1				1			
Marsh Wren		1						
Canyon Wren				3				
American Robin		44	10	1	3		51	
Hermit Thrush							1	
Townsend's Solitaire			1	8	1		4	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		2						
Cedar Waxwing							4	
Northern Shrike	3	1	1		1	2		1
European Starling	97	100	50		35	223	95	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			3					
House Sparrow		20	75		4	14	76	
Western Meadowlark	4	16	15		1	26		3
Yellow-headed Blackbird			1					
Red-winged Blackbird	6	18	50			125		
Evening Grosbeak			10					
House Finch	12	1	10	8	47	40	6	80
Rosy Finch (species-?)				100				
Pine Siskin	15	1						
American Goldfinch	10	4	1			8		30
Rufous-sided Towhee	2							
Vesper Sparrow								3
Northern Junco		3						
"Slate-colored" race	2	6	10		3	1	24	
"Oregon" race	17	2	40	3	36		20	
Gray-headed Junco				1	6	13		
American Tree Sparrow	16	5	20	5	4	101		350
Field Sparrow			1					
Harris' Sparrow	2							
White-crowned Sparrow	5	1						3
White-throated Sparrow	2							
Song Sparrow	5	13			5	2		12
TOTALS-95 SPECIES	45	40	58	17	35	32	29	26

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Arctic Loon 11-1 (1) Union Reservoir (JC); 11-6 and 11-7 (2) Union Reservoir (JR); 11-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

American White Pelican 11-13 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Double-crested Cormorant 11-25 (5) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 11-30 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (JC)

Snow Goose ("White" form) 11-27 and 11-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

"Blue-winged" Teal 11-20 (1 female) Union Reservoir (JR)

Wood Duck 11-1 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 11-4 (1 male) Littleton (JC); 11-6 (2 males and 1 female) BowMar (JC)

White-winged Scoter 11-6 thru 11-20 (2 immatures or females) Cloverleaf Basin, Longmont (JR); 11-17 (1 female) near Broadway and Clear Creek (LH)

Surf Scoter 11-6 (2 immatures or females) Cloverleaf Basin, Longmont (JR and m.ob)

BLACK SCOTER* 11-6 (2 immatures or females) Cloverleaf Basin, Longmont (JR and m.ob)

Cooper's Hawk 11-17 (1) Lakewood (JC)

Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's" race) 11-24 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (JR); 11-30 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (JC); ("Kriders" race) 11-18 (1) Lefthand Creek, Boulder (BK)

Bald Eagle 11-24 (6 adults, 13 immatures) Prewitt Reservoir (JR)

Common Bobwhite 11-3 (4) Union Reservoir (BK)

American Avocet 11-6 (1) Union Reservoir (JR)

Black-bellied Plover 11-1 and 11-3 (Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 11-17 (1) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder (BK); 11-24 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JR)

Greater Yellowlegs 11-6 (1) Prospect Reservoir (JR)

Long-billed Dowitcher 11-7 (2) Loveland (DH)

Sanderling 11-1 and 11-3 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 11-6 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Least Sandpiper 11-6 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Greeley (JR)

PARASITIC JAEGER* 11-24 (1 immature) Prewitt Reservoir (JR)

THAYER'S GULL* 11-24 (1 first winter immature) Prewitt Reservoir (JR)

Franklin's Gull 11-20 (1) 71st and York (JR)

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE* 11-27 (1 immature) Union Reservoir (JR and m.ob)

Short-eared Owl 11-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 11-18 (1) Union Reservoir (BK); 11-27 (1) and 11-28 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Hairy Woodpecker 11-15 thru 11-30 (1 male) Lakewood (JC)

Lewis' Woodpecker 11-6 (1) Union Reservoir (JR)

Steller's Jay 10-30 thru 11-7 (1) Lakewood: "Unusual and extremely early for this particular locality. Could this be another example of an unusual spread of mountain birds onto the plains this fall?" (JC)

Winter Wren 11-10 (1) Aurora (MS); 11-13 (1) Waterton (JR); 11-18 (1) C.U. Campus, Boulder (BK)

Marsh Wren 11-20 (1) Union Reservoir (JR)

Rock Wren 11-1 thru 11-15 (1) Loveland (DH)

Northern Mockingbird 11-5 (1) Aurora (MS)

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- Wood Thrush 11-18 (1) C.U. Campus, Boulder (BK)
- Eastern Bluebird 11-24 (9) Prewitt Reservoir (JR)
- Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-13 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Bohemian Waxwing 11-25 (2) Lakewood (JC)
- Cedar Waxwing 11-24 (1), 11-25 (11), 12-2 (30) Lakewood (JC)
- Wilson's Warbler 11-2 thru 11-8 (1) Denver (HK)
- Common Grackle 11-20 (1) Union Reservoir (JR)
- PURPLE FINCH* 11-18 (2 females or immatures) C.U. Campus, Boulder (BK)
- Harris' Sparrow 11-22 (1) Red Rocks Park (JC)
- Lincoln's Sparrow 11-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Lapland Longspur 11-13 (1) Prospect Reservoir (JR)

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1977

- JANUARY
- 1 and 2, Saturday and Sunday. Bonny Reservoir Christmas Count. Leader: Paul Julian. Call 499-9107 for details.
 - 8, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton. Leader: Bob Spencer. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 9, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M. Lunch optional.
 - 15, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon. Leader: Chuck Kangas. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at the West Gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 16, Sunday. Barr Lake (walking trip). Leader: Ray Olson. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:00 A.M. Lunch optional.
 - 22, Saturday. Urban meandering (parks, cemeteries, rivers, etc.). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M. * Leader: Ruth Wheeler.
 - 23, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 29, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 30, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center in Boulder (King Soopers) at 8:30 A.M. *
- * Bring Lunch

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PLEASE NOTE: Weldona-Fort Morgan Christmas Count: Monday, December 20, 1976. Call Dave Hutchinson, Leader, for details at 936-3466, weekdays between 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

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